FOREST BIRD CENSUS DIRECTIONS FOR:

MAY POND PRESERVE

BARTON, VT

NOTE: Bearings are True North (Magnetic North +15°)

To reach this site, owned by The Nature Conservancy, take Route 16 about 1 1/2 miles east of Barton and turn right onto May Pond Road. Take this road past the state boat launch to its end at a farm owned by Adam Parke. Park at the field edge just to the left of the house. Follow the tractor path downhill to the southeast corner of the open fields to a logging road that begins through a fairly thick spruce-fir stand, then opens up into more mixed second-growth forest. Cross a brook into a small clearing with a large sap tank beyond. Stay to the left of sap tank (the logging road continues to the right, up hill) and continue to the clearing’s edge to a flagged white birch.

POINT 1 – From the white birch, follow a compass bearing of 65° about 300-400 meters to listening station #1 on a 18” dbh sugar maple, with a metal tree tag inscribed “VINS MP #1”.

POINT 2 – From this point head 15° for 200m to station #2 on a 12” dbh sugar maple.

POINT 3 – Continue on the same 15° bearing for 200 m to station #3 on a 7” sugar maple.

POINT 4 – Change bearings to 79° and follow for 200 m to station #4 on a 10” dbh sugar maple.

POINT 5 – Shift here to 185° and continue for 200 m to station #5 on a 7” dbh maple.

NOTE: Three veg plots surround each point count station, each located 30 m away on magnetic bearings of 120°, 240°, and 0°. Their treetags are labeled with VINS MP VEG # X B (120°), C (240°), and D (0°). Be careful not to confuse these points with the actual point count stations.

VEG PLOT TREES – (B=120°, C=240°, D=0°)

1B – 12” sugar maple  2B – 12” sugar maple  3B – 6” yellow birch
1C – 8” sugar maple  2C – 12” sugar maple  3C – 10” sugar maple
1D – 12” sugar maple  2D – 6” sugar maple  3D – 4” sugar maple

4B – 8” twin-trunked sugar maple  5B – 6” sugar maple
4C – 12” sugar maple  5C – 15” sugar maple
4D – 12” sugar maple  5D – 13” sugar maple

GPS Coordinates in Decimal Degrees (NAD83)

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