

FOREST BIRD CENSUS DIRECTIONS FOR:
THE BUCKNER MEMORIAL PRESERVE at BALD MOUNTAIN
WEST HAVEN, VT

NOTE: Compass bearings are True North

To reach the Nature Conservancy Preserve, take Rt. 4 west into NY.

- Approximately 5 miles west of the VT/NY line (just east of Whitehall village), turn right onto Route 9A across from the Bittersweet Plaza.
- After about one mile, turn left onto Route 9 at the “T” intersection
- Take the first right onto Route 10 (Doig Street)
- Drive ½ mile, then turn left onto the dirt road (the paved road curves right)
- Cross the bridge and turn left
- The preserve parking area is about two miles down the dirt road on the right. (Please be advised that this road may be flooded in the spring).

From the parking area, continue down the road on foot through the dilapidated old farmstead of the Galick brothers. Go through a gated road into the pasture and follow the road through the fields towards Bald Mountain. The road will skirt forest on the right. Bear right at the first fork, which will lead you into the woods. Follow this logging road into a grove of white pines, just interior to an overgrowing field below (south of) Bald Mt. Look for a 4” dbh white pine on your right along this road doubly flagged with orange tape reading “VINS GF START”. (An alternate way to find this starting point is to hike to the base of the cliffs, walk due south through the field, and bisect the logging road about 30 meters in from the field edge).

POINT 1 – From this starting point take a compass bearing of **205°** and continue following orange flagging for 100 meters to the first listening station, on a **6” dbh black birch**, marked with orange tape reading “VINS GF #1 0m” and a metal tree tag inscribed with “VINS GF #1.”

POINT 2 – Continue along the **205°** bearing for 200 m to station #2 on a **10” dbh hemlock**

POINT 3 – Continue along the **205°** bearing for 200 m to station #3 on a **7” dbh red maple** atop a steep slope.

POINT 4 – Continue along the **205°** bearing for 100 m, at which point the line bends to follow a bearing of **185°**, to station #4 at a **14” red maple**.

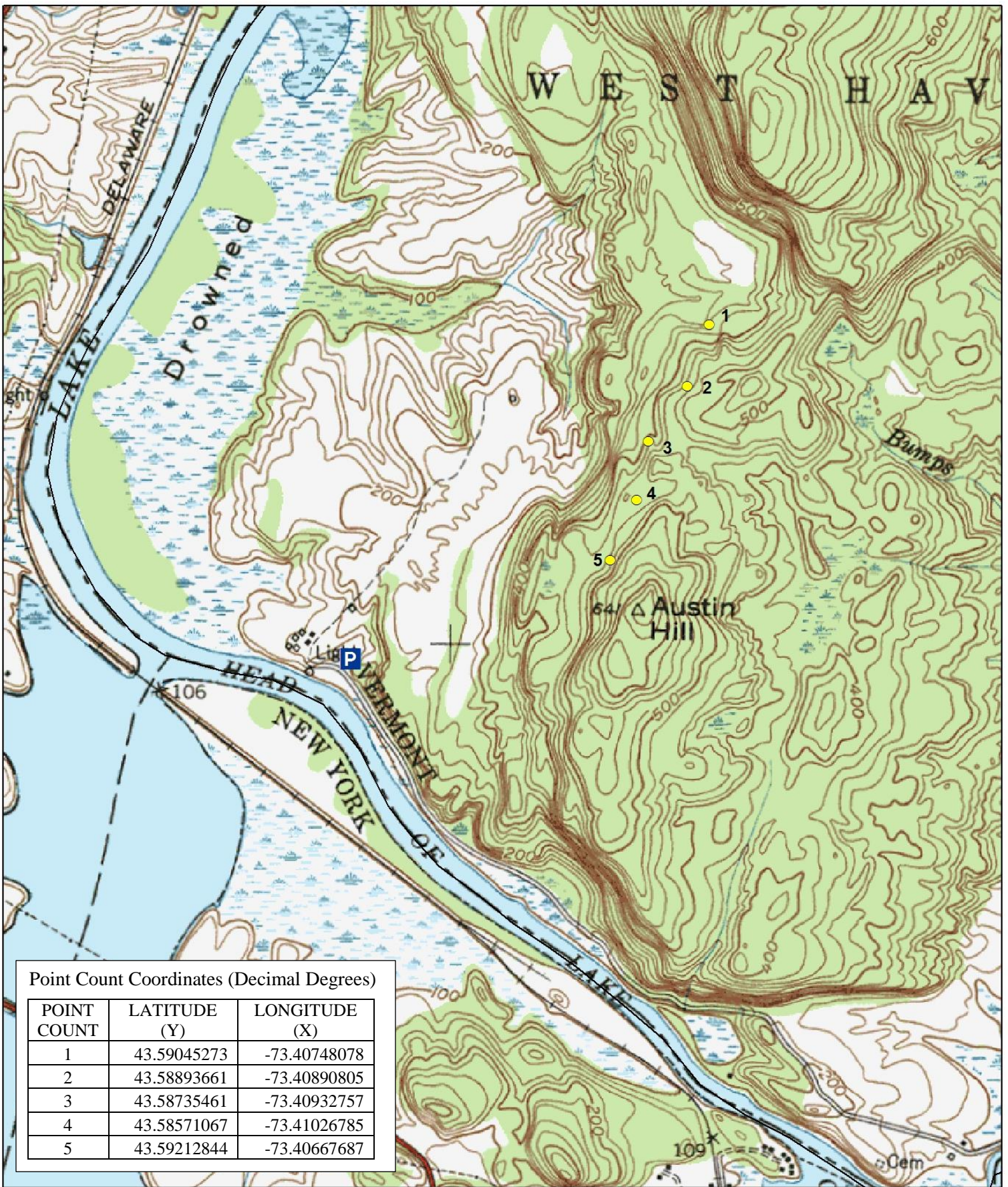
POINT 5 – To reach the last point, continue on the **185°** bearing for 100 m, then shift to a bearing of **215°** and to follow it for another 100 m to station #5 at a **12” hemlock**.

The quickest way back to your car from the census endpoint is to bushwhack downslope and intersect the trail which will lead you SW to the trailhead/parking lot.

*NOTE: Three veg plots surround each point count station, each located 30 m away on **magnetic** bearings of 0°, 120°, and 240°. Their treetags are labeled with VINS SH VEG # X B (0°), C (120°), and D (240°).*

VEG PLOT TREES

1B – 7” hemlock	2B – 12” hemlock	3B – 13” hemlock
1C – 5” spp not recorded	2C – 15” chestnut oak	3C – 12” hemlock
1D – 14” hemlock	2D – 12” hemlock	3D – 10” hemlock
4B – 10” hemlock	5B – 8” hemlock	
4C – 8” hemlock	5C – 7” hemlock	
4D – 12” hemlock	5D – 10” hemlock	



Point Count Coordinates (Decimal Degrees)

POINT COUNT	LATITUDE (Y)	LONGITUDE (X)
1	43.59045273	-73.40748078
2	43.58893661	-73.40890805
3	43.58735461	-73.40932757
4	43.58571067	-73.41026785
5	43.59212844	-73.40667687

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