

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CARD						
DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	SPECIES (Common or Latin)	LOCATION NAME & UTM Coordinates or distance and direction from mapped feature	GPS Y/N	#ADULTS/ #YOUNG	VEGETATION CODE (see reverse)	OBSERVER (Name/Contact info)
(Example) 07/15/1878	American Dipper	Merced River at Swinging Bridge, UTM Coord: 270901E, 4179796N	Y	1ad+2yg	10100	Muir, John jmuir@naturelover.ynp

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Please return to any Yosemite Visitor Center, Park Entrance Station, or mail to:

PLANT COMMUNITY TYPE	CODE
SHRUBS AND CHAPARRAL	
Montane/Alpine Riparian Shrub	36100
Montane Chaparral.....	37500
MEADOW COMMUNITIES	
Montane Meadow.....	45100
Subalpine/Alpine Meadow.....	45200
WOODLAND (More open canopy than forest)	
Oak Woodland.....	71100
Gray Pine/Oak Woodland.....	71410
Juniper Woodland	71500
Riparian (stream-side) Woodland.....	76000
BROADLEAVED UPLAND FOREST (More closed canopy than woodland)	
Oak Forest (Black Oak or Live Oak)	81300
White Alder Riparian (stream-side) Forest.....	81800
Aspen Forest.....	81900
LOWER MONTANE CONIFEROUS FOREST	
Ponderosa Pine Forest.....	84210
Sierran Mixed Coniferous Forest.....	84230
Giant Sequoia Forest	84250
UPPER MONTANE CONIFEROUS FOREST	
Jeffrey Pine Forest	85110
Western White Pine Forest	85120
Jeffrey Pine-Fir Forest.....	85210
Red Fir Forest	85310
SUBALPINE CONIFEROUS FOREST	
Lodgepole Pine Forest	86100
Mixed Subalpine Coniferous Forest	86200
Whitebark Pine Forest.....	86600
Mountain Hemlock Forest	86800
ALPINE	
Alpine Boulder/Rock Field.....	91000
Alpine Glacier	93200
OTHER	
Low Angle Rock Slabs/Domes and Ledges	91230
Cliffs/Barren Rock Outcrops.....	95000
Water	10100

You can play an important role in improving our understanding of Yosemite's wildlife. Information on the presence and distribution of most animals in Yosemite is limited to certain locations and seasons. Accurate observations you contribute will become a permanent part of our resource database. This valuable tool helps us understand distribution patterns, provides a basis for long-term monitoring of Yosemite's ecological health, and assists in planning and interpreting Yosemite's resources to the public.

Here are some guidelines for completing these forms:

- Any** mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, or invertebrate **observation is useful**. We are especially interested in **rare and sensitive species**, including amphibians, bats, mountain lions, fishers, and raptors; and **non-native species**, including wild turkey, white-tailed ptarmigan, beaver, and bullfrog.
- ACCURACY OF IDENTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT!** If you're not quite certain of the species of animal you observe, seek guidance from a field guide or knowledgeable person. *Feel free to use additional lines* to explain basis of identification (especially for rare species, e.g., wolverine, fisher, Yosemite toad), behavior, habitat, and any breeding activity.
- Please be specific about location.** Include a place name. When recording GPS location, use UTM NAD 1983 Zone 11 North datum. Alternatively, you can use distance and direction from an object named on a USGS quad map (e.g., 1.5 miles SW of Ragged Peak).
- Please print clearly.** Include your name and contact information in case we have questions.
- Please note the **plant community type** in which your observation occurs; use the codes provided on this card.