

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	OBSERVER (Name/Contact info)
(Example) 07/15/2018	Desert tortoise	South Unit near Horse & Alliante, UTM Coord: 270901E, 4179796N	Y	1ad+2yg	Creosote- bursage	Muir, John jmuir@nature

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WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS FOR TULE SPRINGS FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

You can play an important role in improving our understanding of Tule Springs Fossil Bed National Monument's (TUSK) wildlife. Information on the presence and distribution of most animals in TUSK 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 TUSK's ecological health, and assists in planning and interpreting TUSK's resources to the public.

Here are some guidelines for completing these forms:

1. **Any** mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or invertebrate **observation is useful**. We are especially interested in **rare and sensitive species**, including bats, mountain lions, bighorn sheep, desert tortoises, burrowing owls, and raptors; and **non-native species**. Note whether the observation is a live or dead animal or if it is a tortoise or owl burrow. When documenting burrows, mention whether the animals are actively using the burrow or if it is vacant.
2. Please note observation type: Is the observation a live or dead animal? Or is the observation of an actively used tortoise or owl burrow versus a vacant one?
3. **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), behavior, habitat, and any breeding activity.
4. **Please be specific about location.** Include a place name when possible or use nearest road intersections. 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 Gass Peak).
5. **Please print clearly.** Include your name and contact information in case we have questions.
6. Please note the **plant community type** in which your observation occurs.

Thank you for helping us document and protect Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM wildlife!