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Dear Landowner:

I am a volunteer working on the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas project and would like to request permission to access your land to make my field observations. I am hoping to make several visits this spring and summer to record the types and numbers of birds present, and quietly listen and watch for evidence of breeding behavior. I am especially interested in your property because you may have habitats for bird species that I may be unable to record elsewhere in my assigned atlas block (9 square-mile area).

The purpose of Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II is to document the distribution and abundance of all the breeding bird species in the state. This information will allow us to see changes in bird populations since the last atlas surveys (1995–2000) and to measure future changes. This project is being coordinated primarily by the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and involves thousands of volunteers that will help document the occurrence of breeding birds throughout the state from 2015–2019.

If permitted on your property, I will assume full responsibility for my own welfare, and I will be careful to not disturb you or your property. I am quite willing to discuss and observe any rules or stipulations you may have and I would be happy to provide you with a list of the birds observed during my visit(s). In addition, I would be grateful to receive any information that you may have about nesting birds on your property during the Atlas project.

You can learn more about the Atlas project by visiting our website (<http://wsobirds.org/atlas>) or by contacting the project’s County Coordinator in this area (please see contact information below). You might be interested in becoming an Atlas volunteer yourself!

I will follow up with a phone call in the coming weeks to seek your permission; however, if you are interested in cooperating I encourage you to contact me regarding access to your property or questions that you might have.

Name of Volunteer Bird Surveyor	Phone Number	Email
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Name of Atlas County Coordinator	Email
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Thank you very much for considering my request.

Sincerely



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