

Maine Deer Spy

Data Entry Instructions

1. Data should be collected between July 20th and September 10th during daylight hours. Please review your printed data entry form before collecting data and please read the “Important Notes” at the end of this instructions sheet.

Required data for you to record include:

- a. Date: Date of observation (MM/DD).
 - b. Time: Time of observation in military format (e.g.- 0700 = 7 a.m.; 1730 = 5:30 p.m.).
 - c. WMD: Wildlife Management District of observation. Refer to the maps at the end of these instructions and on the data entry form for guidance. If you are still unsure, a list of towns in each Wildlife Management District may be found at this link: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/hunting-laws/wildlife-management-districts/wmd-by-town.html>
 - d. Town (optional): Town of observation.
 - e. # Does w/ Fawns: The number of yearling or older does seen in a group alongside fawns. For example, if you witnessed a group of 2 adult does along with 3 fawns in a field, you would record a “2.”
 - f. # Fawns w/ Does: The number of fawns seen in a group alongside yearling or older does. For example, you would record a “3” for the same group above with 2 adult does and 3 fawns in a field.
 - g. # Does w/out Fawns: The number of does seen that were not in a group with any fawns.
 - h. # Fawns w/out Does: The number of fawns seen that were not in a group with any yearling or older does.
 - i. # Bucks: The number of yearling or older bucks seen.
 - j. # Unknown: The number of deer seen of unknown sex or age.
2. Any time you view deer groups and can conveniently record data during the data collection period July 20th – September 10th, please do so. If you completely fill a data entry form, you are encouraged to print and submit additional data forms.
 3. If you have questions, please send an email to Nathan.R.Bieber@Maine.gov. Once the data collection period has ended, please send completed data form(s) to:

ATTN: Nathan Bieber, Maine Deer Spy
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Bangor, ME 044401

4. Important Notes:

- a. Avoid observing the same group of deer multiple times. Do not count deer again that you are certain you've already seen and recorded.
- b. Record only deer that are at ease or uninfluenced by your presence. For example, do not record deer that run in front of your vehicle or that you flush while walking through the woods.
- c. Do not include the results of trail camera surveys in your data.
- d. If possible, try to watch unknown deer for a bit longer to determine sex and age and group relationships. It may be difficult when viewing large numbers of deer in a common location to determine social groups.

Maine Wildlife Management Districts (WMDs)



