

Instructions for getting the Maine Bird Atlas Block boundaries on Google Earth on your smart phone or tablet from your home computer

1. Download the kmz file for the Maine Breeding Bird blocks from the Maine Bird Atlas webpage onto your home computer.
2. Email that file you just downloaded to yourself by attaching it to an email message to yourself.
3. On your smartphone, make sure you have the Google Earth app loaded on your phone. If not, go to the App Store on your phone and install the Google Earth app on your phone.
4. On your smartphone, check your email, find the email that you just sent along with your attachment of the kmz file. Click on the kmz file to download it to your phone.
- 5) Your phone may install the kmz file and open up the Google Earth app directly. If it does not, open up the Google Earth App on your phone. In the upper edge of the screen are some buttons. Tap the button on the upper left hand corner of the screen - the button looks like 3 horizontal lines and is the menu button. After tapping that button, choose "My Places" on the screen that pops up. Here you will see a list of any kmz or kml files that you already have on your device (Tip: you can click the eye-shaped button to the right of any installed kmz or kml files to show or hide these files on your maps). At the bottom of the screen, hit the "Import KML File" link. You should immediately see the kmz file that you just downloaded from your email - click on that file to make it visible on your maps.
- 6) Now click on the left-facing arrow at the top of your screen to go back to your map and you will see a grid of cells (Atlas Blocks) covering all of Maine, but you can see the aerial imagery behind. After you zoom in closer, tap within a single square and a window will pop up with information about that particular Atlas Block. The "Block Code" field is the name for that particular Block. Not that the last 2 letters refer in the Block Code refer to the Block's location in relation to the topo map (NW = northwest, NE = northeast, CW = center west, CE = center east, SW = southwest, and SE = southeast).