

## Maine Deer Spy

### Data Entry Instructions

1. Data should be collected between August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> 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. For examples of how to report data correctly on your data form, check out the PDF with data reporting examples on the Deer Spy project page.

Required data for you to record include:

- a. Date: Date of observation (MM/DD/YYYY).
  - b. WMD: Wildlife Management District of observation. If unsure, see the map in this document or the interactive WMD map found in the Hunting Laws and Rules section on the website.
  - c. # Does w/ Fawns: The number of yearling or older does seen in a group alongside fawns.
  - d. # Does w/out Fawns: The number of does seen that were not in a group with any fawns.
  - e. # Fawns w/ Does: The number of fawns seen in a group alongside yearling or older does.
  - f. # Fawns w/out Does: The number of fawns seen that were not in a group with any yearling or older does.
  - g. # Bucks: The number of yearling or older bucks seen.
  - h. # 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, August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, please do so. If possible, try to watch deer for long enough 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. If you are viewing a large group of deer and you can determine social groupings, please fill out one row of data for each different social group. See the “Data Reporting Examples” for directions on how to do this. 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](mailto:Nathan.R.Bieber@Maine.gov). Once the data collection period has ended, please send completed data form(s) to:

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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.

Maine Wildlife Management Districts (WMDs)



