



DoD Participation in the Avian Knowledge Network (AKN): the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How

NMFWA training, March 20, 2023, Virtual

Agenda

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0800 (30 min) — Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics

Welcome to the DoD / AKN workshop on using the AKN technologies for managing and utilizing avian data in the AKN.

- Welcome and introductions
- Review the workshop agenda
- Logistics and facilities
- What to do if you encounter technical problems

0830 (45 min) — AKN Project Data 101

We will cover how the AKN represents observational data and how to find the best way to organize and curate your data in a project database.

- How the AKN organizes data?
- What is a Project Database?
- Protocols, Sampling Units, and Researchers
- Events and Observations

0915 (45 min) — Creating Project Metadata

We will cover how to create metadata in our Project Database.

- Choosing and managing protocols (DEMONSTRATION of Biologist (<https://data.pointblue.org/science/biologists/>) for *Protocol Research* and *Manage Protocols for Project*)
- Adding people (DEMONSTRATION of Biologist (<https://data.pointblue.org/science/biologists/>) for *Assign Researchers to Project*)
- EXERCISE 1: Creating the Point Count sampling unit hierarchy (Word (Exercise1-CreateSamplingUnits.docx) or PDF (Exercise1-CreateSamplingUnits.pdf))
- Download the sampling units into a GIS file (DEMONSTRATION of Biologist (<https://data.pointblue.org/science/biologists/>) for *Download Locations to GPS, GIS and more*)

1000 (15 min) — Break

1015 (45 min) — Entering observation data to a Project

We will cover how to enter observation data into the Project Database that is defined by the metadata we created.

- EXERCISE 2: Enter and proof a point count field survey (Word (Exercise2-EnterPointCountObservations.docx) or PDF (Exercise2-EnterPointCountObservations.pdf))
- Downloading your point count data (DEMONSTRATION of Biologist (<https://data.pointblue.org/science/biologists/>) for *Download Observations*)

1100 (45 min) — Bulk loading data to a Project

We will cover how to bulk load data into the Project Database.

- Templates for uploading, and batch processing
- EXERCISE 3: Bulk loading sampling locations (Word (Exercise3-BulkLoadingSamplingUnits.docx) or PDF (Exercise3-BulkLoadingSamplingUnits.pdf))
- Office hours and bulk loading your data

1145 (15 min) — Next Steps for You

We will demonstrate the end-to-end process for new users to register.

- DEMONSTRATION of registration process for both the new user and the project leader

1200 (60 min) — Lunch Break

1300 (60 min) — AKN Warehouse Data 101

We will cover how data flows and is made available to other tools and users across DoD and the AKN.

- What is a Data Warehouse?
- Data sharing levels and the AKN tools that use them.

- Data sharing, data security, data ownership, and data sharing agreements.
- Setting data sharing levels (DEMONSTRATION of Biologist (<https://data.pointblue.org/science/biologists/>) for *Data Sharing Levels*)
- Looking at Warehouse data (DEMONSTRATION of Analysts (<https://data.pointblue.org/apps/analysts/>) for *data review*)

1400 (60 min) — Discovering observation data

We will cover how to discover other projects using the AKN.

- EXERCISE 4: Create a species list with RAIL Tool (Word (Exercise4-CreateSpeciesListWithRAILTool.docx) or PDF (Exercise4-CreateSpeciesListWithRAILTool.pdf))
- Downloading data from a Warehouse using Data Download (DEMONSTRATION of Data Downloader (<https://data.pointblue.org/apps/downloader/>))

1500 (15 min) — Break

1515 (45 min) — Looking for trends

We will explore solving some of the specific problems that are faced by DoD facilities.

- EXERCISE 5: Using the Data Catalog and Observations Map (Word (Exercise5-ExploreSpeciesAndTrendsWithDataCatalogAndObservationsMap.docx) or PDF (Exercise5-ExploreSpeciesAndTrendsWithDataCatalogAndObservationsMap.pdf))

1600 (15 min) — How have others organizations fully leveraged the AKN?

We will show examples of how other organizations have taken full advantage of the AKN technical infrastructure.

1615 (20 min) — What should you expect in the coming year with AKN and DoD?

We will cover plans and updates for DoD and the AKN.

- DoD AKN Program Management Plan
- Planned Updates, Tools, Data Initiatives
- OSD and Military Service Support
- Cooperative Agreement
- Updates on Service-specific Work
- On-going Support

1635 (25 min) — Wrap-up, Pluses and Deltas

We will evaluate the day and make sure everyone is clear on Office Hours Wednesday.

- Pluses and Deltas
- Reminder of office hours
- Final questions