Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Robert D. Roy

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Species observed: American Bittern

Date and Time of observation: 5.11.98 ± noon

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Pittsfield County Berkshire USGS Map: Pittsfield West

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot: Enter Housatonic River Valley State WMA via Underhill Place (off of Rte 7/20). From gate, walk up access rd ± 300 yards. Once access rd enters second (larger) field, turn left into woods, drop down steep slope to large open wetland.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? Observation of bird from ± 15' away

Were photographs taken? NO
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: —

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: —

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? NO

If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: LARGE OPEN EMERGENT WETLAND DOMINATED BY PHALARIS ARUNDINACEA & LYTHRUM SALICARIA IN DRIER SECTIONS & PELTANDRA VIRGINICA & CAREX LACUSTRIS IN WETTER AREAS. SOME PSS AREAS WITH ALNUS INCANA & SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS.

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site: _____

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: MASS. FISH & WILDLIFE (STATE WMA)

10. Additional observations/comments: _____

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):
   - ____ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: ____
   - ____ Conservation Commission member
   - ____ Biology/science teacher
   - X Environmental Consultant
   - X Degree in Biology: X Bachelor's ____ Master's ____ Ph.D.
   - ____ Other. Please specify: _____

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE W/ MARSH BIRDS & MARSHBIRD SURVEYS

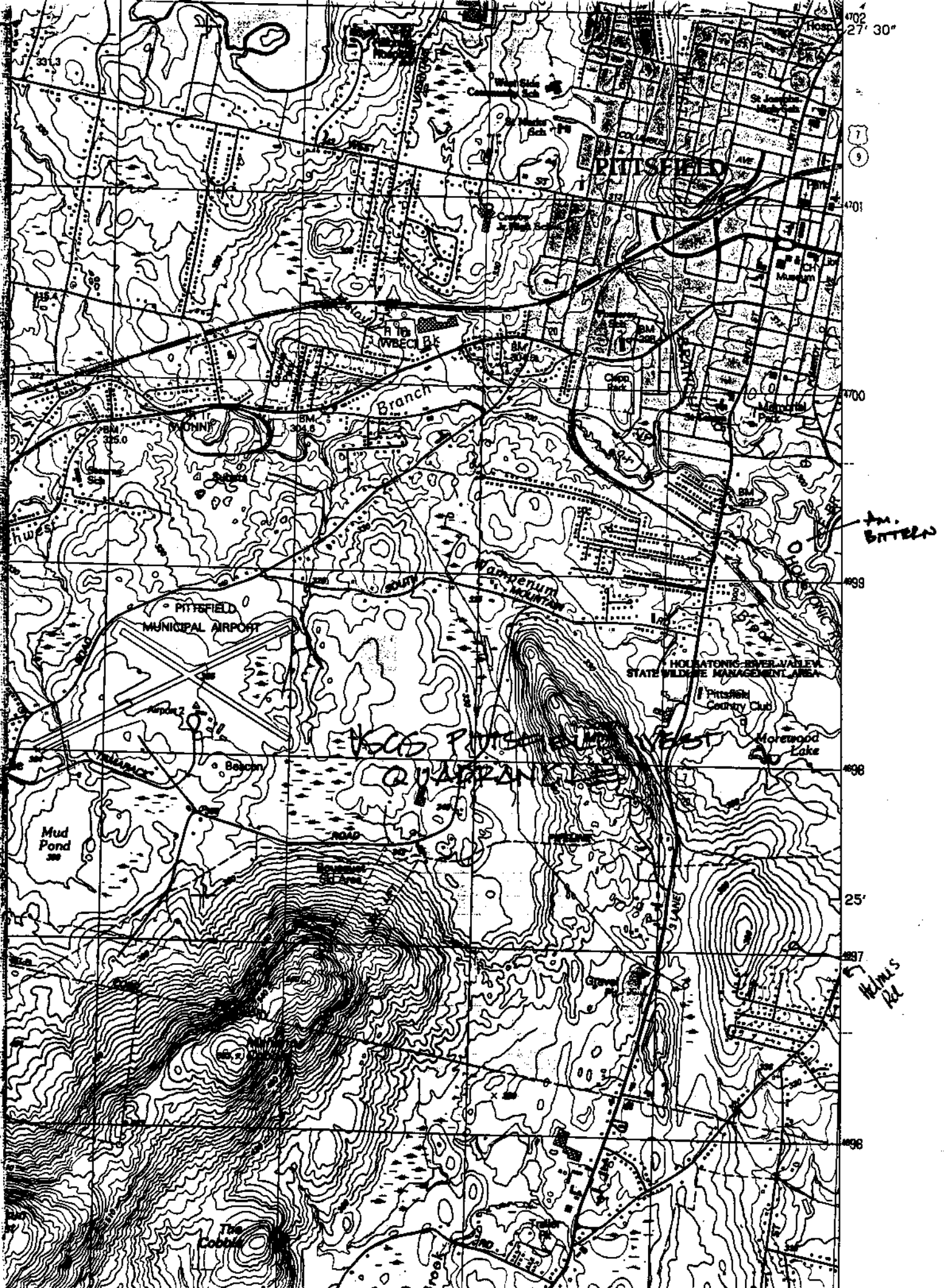
13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): _____

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature [signature] Date: 5-11-98

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135
Westboro, MA 01581
508-792-7270 ext. 200



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Branch
Wampenum
PITTSFIELD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Pittsfield Country Club
Morewood Lake
Mud Pond
Beacon
Bousquet Ski Area
Gravel Pit
The Cobble
Trailer Pk
Memorial Park
Museum
Hosp
27' 30"
25'
AM. BITTERN
Helmes Rd
USGS PITTSFIELD WEST QUADRANGLE