Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: KURT KANWACKY

Address: Woodlot Alternatives, Inc.
122 Main Street
Topsham, Maine 04086

Phone: _____ (H) 207-729-1199 (W)

Species observed:

BLACKPOLL WARBLER (DENDROICA STRIATA)

Date and Time of observation:

28 MAY 99 AM

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: LENOX County BERKSHIRE USGS Map: PITTSFIELD EAST

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: TRAVEL SOUTH ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS TO YOKUM BROOK. BIRD OBSERVED ON EAST SIDE OF TRACKS NORTH OF YOKUM BROOK.

2. Number of individuals observed: ONE

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks?

PLUMAGE, VOCALIZATION

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

4. Age and sex of individuals: ADULT MALE

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: NONE

(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: TRANSITIONAL FLOODPLAIN FOREST AND RED MAPLE SWAMP ADJACENT TO THE HOUSATONIC RIVER

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site: NONE

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: UNKNOWN

10. Additional observations/comments: BIRD OBSERVED VOCALIZING AND FORAGING

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: BIRD BANDER AT MANOMET CENTER FOR CONSERVATION SCIENCES, AVID BIRDER

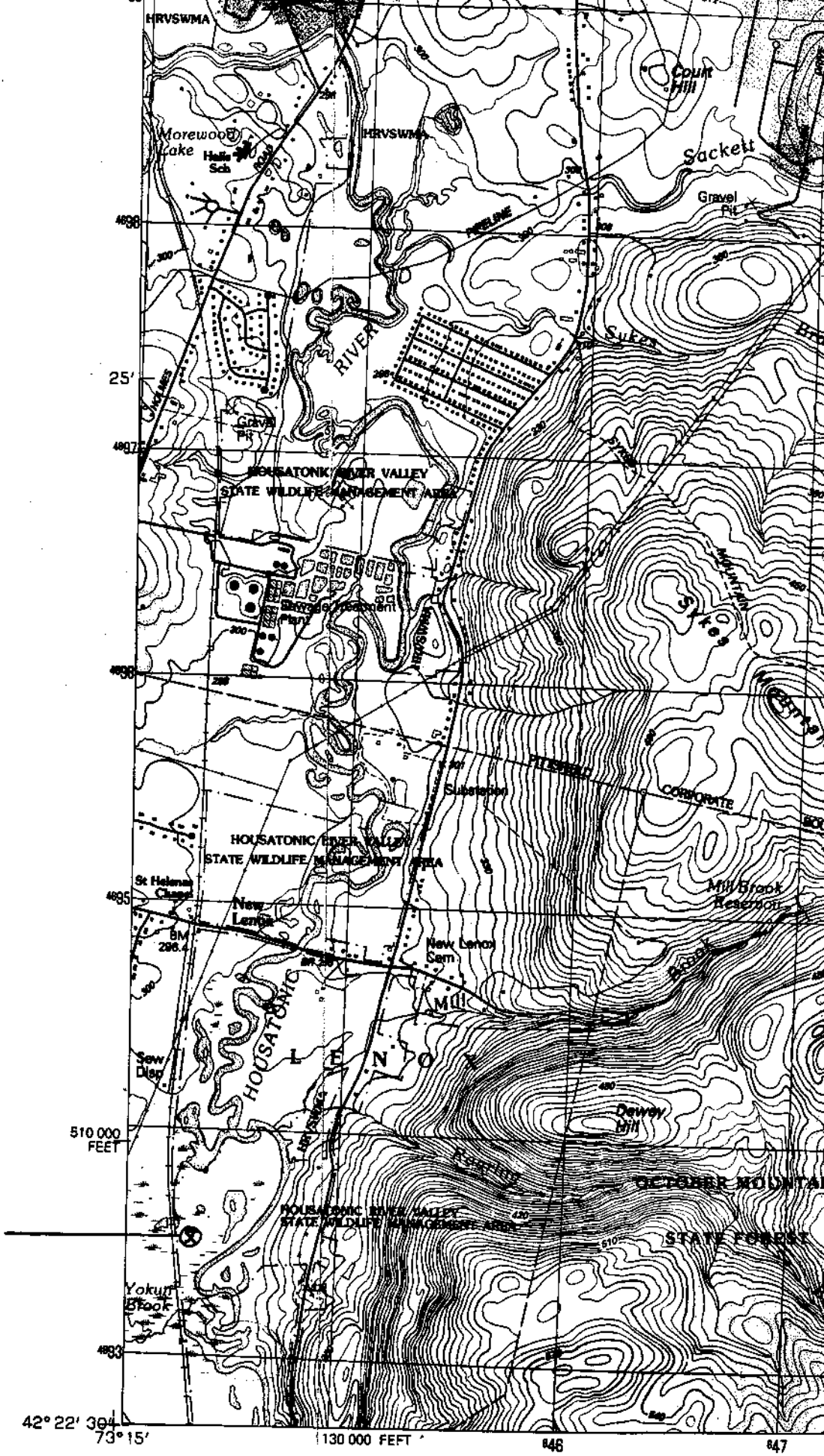
13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): ARTHUR HAINES - WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES

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 _____ Date: 20 MAR 01

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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