


Ohio's Statewide Acoustic Surveys


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Why have a statewide standardized bat acoustic protocol?

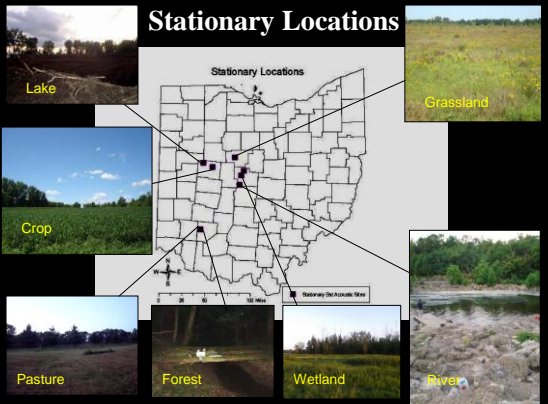
- Determine baseline information about bat populations statewide
- Monitor long-term population trends
- Determine species composition and relative abundance
- Evaluate threats (e.g., WNS, wind, climate change) cumulative impacts on statewide bat populations
- Declining bat populations = lower detection probabilities through standard netting methods?
- Evaluate route-level trends, macro-habitat,

Importance on standardized methodology is to be able to compare temporally and spatially

2011 Evaluation of Protocols






Stationary Locations



Comparison of Survey Types

	Mobile Low	Mobile Mid	Mobile Myotis	Mobile UNKN	Stationary Low	Stationary Mid	Stationary Myotis	Stationary UNKN
Mean	0.60092	0.26646	0.13513	0.00043	0.69122	0.25677	0.05092	0.00108
Standard Error	0.05231	0.04919	0.03477	0.00023	0.25996	0.09210	0.01796	0.00108

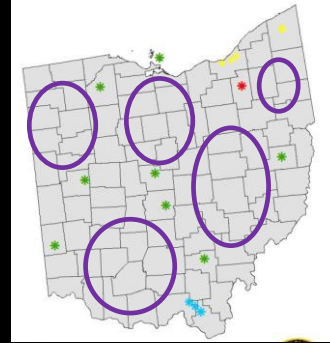


Statewide Standardized Protocol

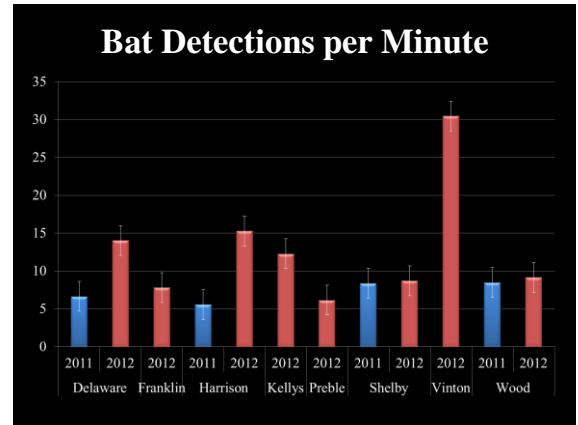
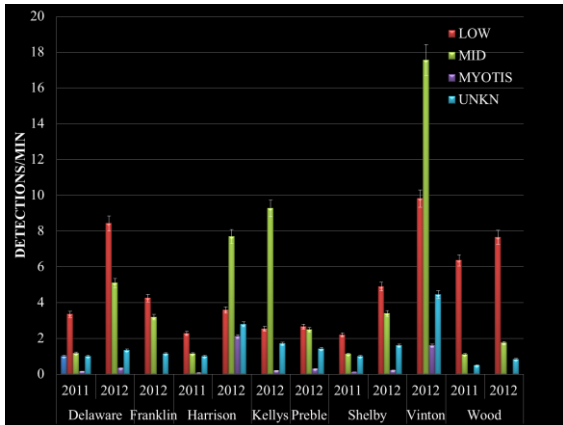
- Developed and first conducted surveys in 2011
- 30-mile driving loop-routes with randomized start point
- Each route is surveyed 3 times or more in July yearly
- Anabat acoustic set-ups are provided by DOW



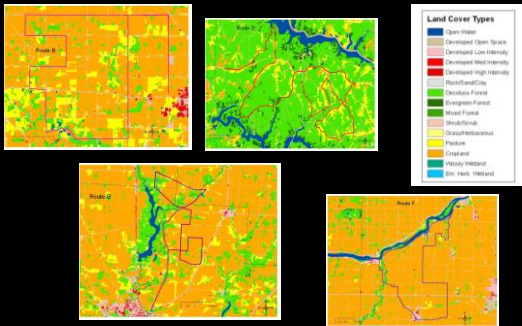
Detailed methods and training provided to individuals conducting surveys
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Habitat Route Assessment



Detection Rates by Habitat

