

# Golden-cheeked Warbler (GCWA)

## Habitat Assessment Area

### Data Reporting Instructions

Dataset Purpose: The purpose of this data is to illustrate the boundaries of a GCWA habitat assessment and/or to illustrate the extent of any suitable habitat that was not surveyed within the habitat assessment area. In most cases, we expect that the boundaries of the area assessed will correspond with the property boundaries. Polygons delineating suitable habitat should only be included in this dataset if they were **not** surveyed for birds. Report any areas of suitable habitat that were surveyed using the “Golden-cheeked Warbler Bird Survey Area(s) dataset.” *Note: Use the definition of suitable habitat, with respect to GCWAs, from your permit.*

Instructions: The following information should be used for creating a polygon shapefile<sup>1</sup> or an Excel spreadsheet (for those that do not have GIS). If submitting a spreadsheet, you must also submit a map(s) that clearly illustrates the exact location of the polygon(s) within the context of the surrounding area so we can relocate them on a USGS topo, aerial photograph or street map and can digitize them fairly accurately.

The information in parentheses defines field types and field sizes for the attributes of a shapefile. Each of the bolded phrases is a column header which should be submitted in either the attribute table for the shapefile or in a standalone spreadsheet (see example spreadsheet attached) with an associated map (for those that do not have GIS).

1. **Prop\_Name** (Type = Text; Length = 50): Name of property or portion of property described by this polygon. If any of this area was surveyed for birds, this name should match the value in the Prop\_Name field for the corresponding Bird Survey Area(s) shapefile or map/Excel spreadsheet. If data is submitted as an Excel spreadsheet, then include a map that clearly shows the boundary of this area. The polygon should be labeled on the map and this name should correspond with the appropriate row of the Excel spreadsheet.
2. **Prop\_Acres** (Type = Long): Size of site in acres.
3. **Site\_Type** (Type = Text; Length = 50): Choose what type of site this polygon represents. Entries should only include [Property/Assessment Area Boundary or TPWD Habitat not surveyed]. Choose “Property/Assessment Area Boundary” if this polygon represents the entire area assessed during the current investigation. This is generally the property boundary but may be a smaller area if that’s all that was assessed for suitable habitat. Choose “TPWD Habitat not surveyed” if this polygon represents habitat that meets the TPWD guideline for determining GCWA habitat but was not

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<sup>1</sup> All GIS files should be in NAD 83, latitude/longitude (decimal degrees).

surveyed. Note: It is possible to have both a “Property/Assessment Area Boundary” and one or more “TPWD Habitat not surveyed” polygons on the same property. If you are submitting this information as a GIS shapefile and there are more than one of either type of polygons, be sure to create a multipart polygon for each type (this will ensure that there will only be one entry in the attribute table for each kind of site\_type for this assessment).

4. **Comp\_Name** (Type = Text; Length = 50): Name of company/organization or individual responsible for conducting the habitat assessment.
5. **Date** (Type = Double): Date habitat assessment was completed. Entries should be formatted as YYYYMMDD.