

## **Information on the processing of personal data in the research project entitled Lahti Bird Survey**

The research project entitled “Lahti Bird Survey” involves processing of personal data. The purpose of this data protection notice is to provide information on the personal data to be processed, from where they are obtained and how they are used. Detailed information on the rights of data subjects will be provided at the end of this notice.

Your participation in the research project and provision of personal data are voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in the project or you wish to withdraw from it, you can do so without negative consequences.

### **1. Data Controller**

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### **2. Contact person and principal investigator**

Contact person in matters concerning the research project:  
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### **3. Contact details of the data protection officer**

You can contact the University of Helsinki data protection officer via email at [tietosuoja@helsinki.fi](mailto:tietosuoja@helsinki.fi).

### **4. Description of the research project and the purpose of processing personal data**

Birds can provide important benefits to people (e.g., pest control, pollination, recreation). However, they can also cause harm, for example through property damage, the dispersal of invasive seeds, and disease transmission. Understanding how people are affected by birds could have implications for how cities are managed to benefit both biodiversity and people. We expect that views of birds could vary by personal characteristics, such as age and gender, and are not uniform across residents. Advancing understanding of perceptions of birds in Lahti is particularly important, as this community is both growing and committed to a sustainable future.

This research is carried out in collaboration with Colorado State University. Data will be analyzed and results published in scientific papers by principal investigators at both universities.

## 5. Personal data included in the research data

Personal data will be collected for scientific purposes, and in the public interest. The survey questions focus on perceptions of birds in Lahti, including ways that birds benefit and harm people. Additional data requested include the age range, income range, gender, education level, and area of origin (urban or rural). Participants will provide these data on the survey. All personal questions include the option “prefer not to respond”.

## 6. Sources of personal data

These data will be obtained from people responding to voluntary surveys distributed to social media sites and email list serves in the City of Lahti.

## 7. Sensitive personal data

No special categories of personal data (i.e., sensitive data), as defined in Article 9 of the GDPR, will be processed in this research.

## 8. Lawful basis for processing personal data

Personal data are processed on the following basis (Article 6(1) of the GDPR):

- Task carried out in the public interest:  
 Scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes

## 9. Recipients of data

Dr. Ian MacGregor-Fors, University of Helsinki. No personal data will be disclosed in ways that could identify individual survey respondents outside of the University of Helsinki.

## 10. Automated decision-making

The research project involves no automated decision-making that has a significant effect on data subjects.

## 11. Protection of personal data

Personal data included in the research dataset will be processed and kept protected so that only those who need the data can access them.

The data processed in data systems will be protected using the following:  
 Username and password

Processing direct identifiers:  
 The controller collects the personal data without direct identifiers.

## 12. Duration of the processing of personal data in this research project:

Up to two years.

## 13. Processing of personal data when the research project ends

The research data will be kept for the purposes of validating or replicating the results of this research project:

without identifiers

The storage of the research data is based on Article 5(1)(b) and (e) of the GDPR. Data subjects will receive a new data protection notice on the new use of the research data, unless the controller can no longer identify the subjects from the data.

In addition, the data subjects will not be informed of the new research if delivering this information to them is impossible or involves a disproportionate effort or renders impossible or seriously impairs the achievement of the research objectives (Article 14(5)(b) of the GDPR).

Where and for how long will the data be stored: 10 years, University of Helsinki

## 14. Rights of data subjects and derogations from those rights

The contact person in matters related to research subjects' rights is the contact person stated in section 1 of this notice.

### Rights of data subjects

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, data subjects have the following rights:

- Right of access to their own data
- Right to rectification of their data
- Right to the erasure of their data and to be forgotten
- Right to the restriction of processing of their data
- Right to data portability from one controller to another
- Right to object to the processing of their data
- Right not to be subject to automated decision-making

However, data subjects cannot exercise all their rights in all circumstances. The circumstances are affected by, for example, the legal basis for processing personal data.

Further information on the rights of data subjects in various circumstances can be found on the website of the Data Protection Ombudsman: <https://tietosuoja.fi/en/what-rights-do-data-subjects-have-in-different-situations>.

### Derogations from rights

The General Data Protection Regulation and the Finnish Data Protection Act enable

derogations from certain rights of data subjects if personal data are processed for the purposes of scientific research and the rights are likely to render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the research purposes.

The need for derogations from the rights of data subjects will always be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**Right to appeal**

If you consider that the processing of your personal data has been carried out in breach of data protection laws, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman.

Contact details:

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman

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