

Instructions for Completing the Avid Bowhunter Survey

Participation in this survey is limited to individuals that expect to bowhunt at least 10 days during the upcoming hunting season. Information should be reported for all hunts, both bow and gun, during the entire season. This document is designed to allow you to collect (write down) the needed information after each hunt while in the field and then transfer the data to an online database. If you have a smartphone, you can record the information electronically immediately following the hunt instead of writing it down on a datasheet. Complete one line for each hunt. If you go on a morning hunt followed by a break and then go on an afternoon hunt, you should fill out two lines—one for each hunt.

1. Record the month and day of the hunt.
2. Record the county in which the hunt occurred.
3. Record the type of land on which the hunt occurred: hunting club, private, WMA, public.
4. Record the actual starting and ending time of the hunt. Please use actual time and not sunrise, sunset, etc. Be sure to include a.m. or p.m. following each time recorded.
5. Record the following information: # of adult does observed, # of fawns observed, # of antlered bucks (1-3 pts) observed, # of antlered bucks (4-7 pts) observed, # of antlered bucks (8+ pts) observed, # shots taken – bucks, # bucks shot and not recovered, # bucks shot and recovered, # shots taken – does, # of does shot and not recovered, # of does shot and recovered, # shots taken – fawns, # of fawns shot and not recovered, # of fawns shot and recovered.
6. Record the number of coyotes, gray foxes, red foxes, bobcats, long-tailed weasels, ruffed grouse, and spotted skunks observed.
7. Record the ecoregion in which the hunt took place. Refer to map in this document.

Many of the fields in the electronic database are prepopulated with a “0” so the hunter only has to change the appropriate fields. Hunters don’t have to enter a number in a field if a “0” is the appropriate response.

Level III and IV Ecoregions of Alabama

- 45 Piedmont**
- 45a Southern Inner Piedmont
- 45b Southern Outer Piedmont
- 45d Talladega Upland

- 65 Southeastern Plains**
- 65a Blackland Prairie
- 65b Flatwoods/Blackland Prairie Margins
- 65d Southern Hilly Gulf Coastal Plain
- 65f Southern Pine Plains and Hills
- 65g Dougherty Plain
- 65i Fall Line Hills
- 65j Transition Hills
- 65p Southeastern Floodplains and Low Terraces
- 65q Buhrtstone/Lime Hills

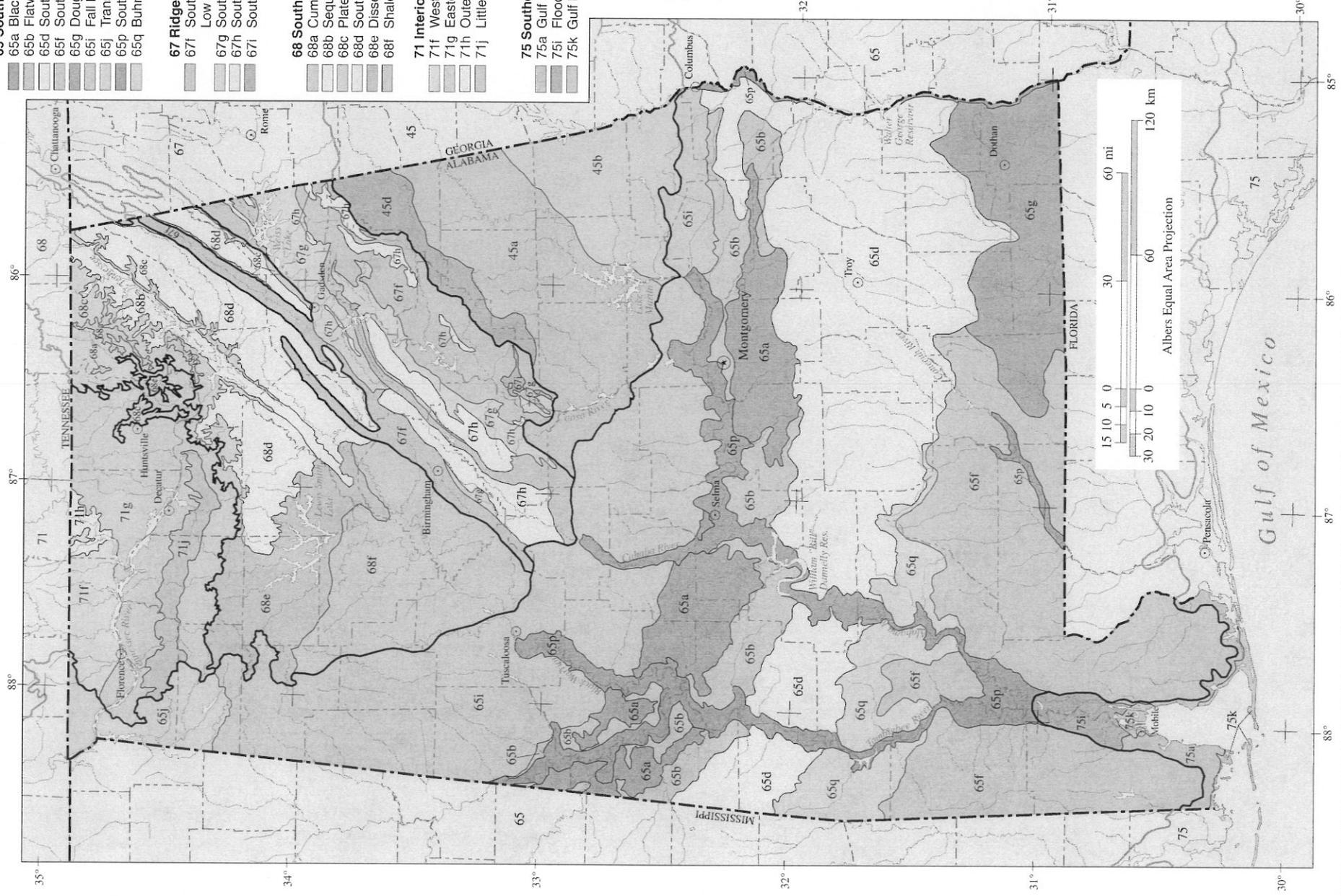
- 67 Ridge and Valley**
- 67i Southern Limestone/Dolomite Valleys and Low Rolling Hills
- 67g Southern Shale Valleys
- 67h Southern Sandstone Ridges
- 67i Southern Dissected Ridges and Knobs

- 68 Southwestern Appalachians**
- 68a Cumberland Plateau
- 68b Sequatchie Valley
- 68c Plateau Escarpment
- 68d Southern Table Plateaus
- 68e Dissected Plateau
- 68f Shale Hills

- 71 Interior Plateau**
- 71f Western Highland Rim
- 71g Eastern Highland Rim
- 71h Outer Nashville Basin
- 71j Little Mountain

- 75 Southern Coastal Plain**
- 75a Gulf Coast Flatwoods
- 75i Floodplains and Low Terraces
- 75k Gulf Barrier Islands and Coastal Marshes

- Level III ecoregion
- Level IV ecoregion
- County boundary
- State boundary



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