

Motus Wildlife Tracking System Tag Registration Fee Schedule

*****The following outlines the tag fee for 2020. Tag fees will be reviewed annually.***** The 'tag-registration fee' covers the costs of essential data services associated with management and operation of the Motus database and coordination of the network. Each investigator is subject to a minimum annual deployment fee of \$1,500 CAD (corresponding to 20 tags), regardless of the number of tags deployed, the number of receiving stations, or the number of projects created in the database. The tag fee and the minimum deployment fee will be reviewed annually.

The tag fee is tiered in proportion to the number of 'permanent' receiving stations deployed by an investigator or research group. A permanent station is one that is considered to be in operation for at least 250 days/year. This tiered approach attempts to reconcile the substantial investments made in the installation and maintenance of receiving stations while providing incentive for researchers to erect and maintain their own stations. In turn, this will bolster the temporal and geographic scope of the array and increase detection probabilities.

Invoicing will be based on the actual number of tags registered in the Motus database within a calendar year, whether or not those tags are re-encountered within the network at a later date. Defective tags that fail to activate, and those that are not registered in the Motus database (e.g., unused tags) are not subject to a tag fee. At present, a tag fee is only applied once to any given tag at the time of registration. Therefore, multiple deployments of the same tag within a year (e.g. on different birds) are counted as a single deployment for the purpose of the tag fee, and a tag whose life spans multiple years, will only be charged once. Similarly, a tag that is registered but never deployed will still be charged a fee.

Invoices will be distributed to the investigator by the end of the calendar year, or on a date mutually agreed upon.

Project Category	Tag Registration Fee (CAD)
Minimum annual deployment fee	\$1,500 (first 20 tags)
≥ 5 permanent receiving stations	+ \$25 for each tag over 20.
2 to 4 permanent receiving stations	+ \$50 for each tag over 20.
≤ 1 permanent receiving station	+ \$75 for each tag over 20.

While we have tried to be explicit about the plan to implement a tag fee, we understand that at present, it may be difficult for some users to manage based on existing funding arrangements or planning. If this is the case we will work with you to find other ways or mechanisms under which an equitable contribution can be made. We will continue to work with collaborators to find a reasonable cost-sharing formula, and will try to work within any limitations your project may face.