

Multiple Nest Visits Data Sheet

This form is for your records — use it to locate and describe your nest site and record up to 10 visits to a nest. Use a separate form for each nest monitored and each new nest attempt. See keys on the next page for explanation of codes and fields. If response is “Other” enter “OT”; for “Unknown” enter “U.”

Year _____ Species _____

1. Nest Site Location (see key on next page)	2. Description (see key on next page)
Nest Site Name: _____	Nest is located (circle one): IN ON UNDER
Nest Location (nearest street address OR lat/long): _____	Substrate _____
OR	Habitat within one meter _____
Latitude N _____	Habitat within 100 meters _____
Longitude W - _____	Habitat modifier _____
Zip Code _____	Elevation (specify ft. or m.) _____
	Height above ground (ft. or m.) _____
	Cavity orientation _____
	Cavity opening width (specify in. or cm.) _____

3. BREEDING DATA *For columns C, D, E, and J, enter “X” if eggs or young are present, but exact number is unknown. Enter “U” for unknown.

Visits	Date/Time		Host Species*			Status/Activity Codes			Details (Optional)			
	A. Month / Day (1-12) / (1-31)	B. Time (am/pm)	C.* # of Eggs	D.* # Live Young	E.* # Dead Young	F. Nest Status	G. Adult Activity	H. Young Status	I. Mgmt. Activity	J. Cowbird Evidence	K. Observer Initials	L. Comments below
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4. NEST ATTEMPT SUMMARY Fill in the HOST information below after the nest attempt is complete.

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**1 & 2 - Nest Site Location & Description Key****Nest Site Name** — Unique Name or number for each nest site.**Nest Location** — Enter the closest street address and city OR the latitude and longitude of each nest site (decimal degrees).**ZIP** — Enter ZIP or Postal Code where nest site is located.**Nest Substrate** — Enter if the nest is in, on, or under one of the following 12 substrates:

Nest box/birdhouse	Building or dwelling
Post/Pole or platform	Cliff or rock
Cavity in live tree branch	Cavity in snag/dead tree
Dead tree branch	Live tree branch
Bush/shrub/cattails	Vine/tangle
Ground	Floating vegetation

Habitat — From the lists below, enter habitat type within 1 meter of nest and dominant habitat type within 100 meters of nest.

Agricultural Area	Human Modified (above right)
Woodland/Forest	Natural Grassland/Prairie
Chapparral/Shrubland	Desert Scrub
Fresh Water	Salt Water
Beach	Tundra

Habitat Modifier — If you chose “Human Modified” for either habitat type, describe the modified landscape that the nest is in:

Yard, residential area	Public park/green space
Roadside	Landfill/gravel pit/strip mine
Cemetery	Golf course
Industrial/commercial area	Airport
Power/Utility Corridor	Christmas tree farm
Campground	Orchard/vineyard
Recently clear cut area	Recently burned area
School/campus/church/hospital	

Elevation — Record elevation above sea level; specify feet (ft.) or meters (m.)**Height Above Ground** — Measure height of nest from the ground; specify feet (ft.) or meters (m.)**Cavity Orientation** — For cavity nests only, specify the orientation that the entrance hole faces.

N - North	S - South	NE - Northeast	SW - Southwest
E - East	W - West	SE - Southeast	NW - Northwest

Cavity Opening Width — For cavity nests only, enter the width of entrance hole opening; specify inches (in.) or centimeters (cm.)**3 - Breeding Data (Column Codes)****A-B. Date & Time** — Record month, day, and time (to nearest hour) of each nest visit.**C. # Eggs*** — Record the number of host eggs counted (enter cowbird info in column J).**D. # Live Young in Nest*** — Enter the number of live young of host species in the nest (enter cowbird info in column J).**E. # Dead in Nest*** — Enter the number of dead young of host species in the nest (enter cowbird info in column J).**F. Nest Status** — Describe the status of the nest at each visit.

NO = no nest
AN = another nest found in same site (begin new attempt)
CN = completed nest
DN = damaged nest
FN = flattened nest with fecal matter
IN = incomplete nest
NN = non-avian nest found (describe in comments)
RN = nest removed, remover unknown

G. Adult Activity — Describe activity of adults seen or heard near the nest for each visit.

NO = no adults seen
AA = at, on, or flushed from nest
BA = building nest or carrying nest material
DA = dead adult(s)
FA = feeding young at nest
RA = remained on the nest
VA = vicinity of the nest

H. Young Status — Describe the development of young birds.

NO = no young, presumed dead
FY = fully feathered young
HY = hatching young
NY = naked young
PY = partially feathered
VY = vocal young, heard only
YY = young presumed or known to have fledged

I. Management Code — (Optional) Describe any human management activities at the nest site for this visit.

NO = no management activity
AM = avian competitor nest/eggs/young removed (House Sparrow & European Starling only)
BM = banded adults or young at nest
EM = unhatched host eggs removed
NM = nest box management (cleaning, plugging, unplugging, or replacing boxes; removing inactive host nests, etc.)
PM = pest management (wasps, ants, mice, etc.)

J. Cowbird Evidence — (Optional) Record evidence of cowbird parasitism. Include number of cowbird eggs, and live and dead cowbird young. (EX: 2E, 1LY, 1DY = 2 eggs, 1 live young, 1 dead young).**K. Observer Initials** — (Optional) Record initials of nest monitor.**L. Comments** — (Optional) Check box if comments are noted and record them in the space provided at the bottom of the page.***For columns C, D, E, and J, enter “X” to indicate eggs or young are present, but exact number is unknown. Enter “U” for unknown. Codes may vary slightly from online codes.****4 - Nest Attempt Summary (host species only)****IMPORTANT DATES** - In the table provided record:

- 1) Estimated date the first egg was laid
- 2) Estimated date that the first egg hatched
- 3) Estimated date that the first young fledged from the nest

TOTALS - In the table provided record:

- 1) Total number of times this nest attempt was monitored
- 2) Maximum clutch size (# of eggs)
- 3) Total # of unhatched eggs
- 4) Total # of live young in the nest
- 5) Total # of young that fledged (left the nest)

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