

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) |
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| Nest Site Name: _____ _____ | Nest is located (circle one): IN ON UNDER Substrate _____ |
| Nest Location (nearest street address OR lat/long): _____ _____ | Habitat within one meter _____ Habitat within 100 meters _____ Habitat modifier _____ |
| OR Latitude N _____ Longitude W - _____ 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) | | | |
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| | 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 |
| Ex | 5 / 4 | 4 pm | 4 | 0 | 0 | CN | AA | — | NO | 1E 0 0 | MS | ✓ |
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4. NEST ATTEMPT SUMMARY Fill in the HOST information below after the nest attempt is complete.

| IMPORTANT DATES <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>First Egg Date</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Estimated Hatch Date</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Estimated Fledge Date</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>COMMENTS:</p> | First Egg Date | | Estimated Hatch Date | | Estimated Fledge Date | | TOTALS <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>No. of visits</th> <th>Clutch size</th> <th>No. Unhatched eggs</th> <th>No. live young</th> <th>No. fledged</th> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table> | No. of visits | Clutch size | No. Unhatched eggs | No. live young | No. fledged | | | | | |
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| Estimated Fledge Date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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:

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| 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.

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| 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:

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| 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.

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| 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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