



Nest Summary Worksheet

This form is for your records — use it to locate and describe your nest site and summarize a single nest attempt. Use a separate form for each nest monitored and each new nest attempt. See key on back for explanation of codes and fields. If response is “Other” enter “OT”; for “Unknown” enter “U.”

Year _____ Species _____

Nest Site Location and Description (see key on back)

Nest Site Name: _____

Nest Location (nearest street address OR lat/long):

OR
Latitude N _____
Longitude W _____
Zip Code _____

Nest Substrate (circle one):
IN ON UNDER _____

Habitat within one meter _____

Habitat within 100 meters _____

Habitat Modifier _____

Elevation (specify ft. or m.) _____

Height above ground (ft. or m.) _____

Cavity Orientation _____

Cavity Width (specify in. or cm.) _____

Breeding Summary (see key on back)

Year _____

Species _____

Outcome (S, F, U) _____

If failed, at what stage? _____

Discovery date _____ / _____ (MM/DD)

Egg laying start date _____ / _____ (MM/DD)

Hatch date _____ / _____ (MM/DD)

Fledgling start date _____ / _____ (MM/DD)

Nest visited during egg laying? Yes No

Total visits to nest attempt _____

	Host Species #	Cowbird (if present) #
Clutch Size		
Total number of young		
Number of dead young		
Number of unhatched eggs		
Number of fledged young		

Enter “X” if eggs or young are present, but exact number is unknown. If nest contents are not visible, enter “U” for unknown.

Record additional details about this nest attempt below.

Nest Site Location and Description Key

Nest Site Name—Unique Name or number for each nest site
Street Address, City OR Lat/Long—Enter either the closest street address and city OR the latitude or longitude of nest site (in 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 substrates:

- Nestbox/birdhouse
- Building or dwelling
- Post/Pole or platform
- Cavity in snag/dead tree
- Cavity in live tree branch
- Live tree branch
- Dead tree branch
- Bush or shrub
- Cliff or rock
- Ground
- Floating vegetation

Habitat within 1 meter and 100 meters - From the list below, enter habitat type within 1 meter of nest; enter dominant habitat type within 100 meters of nest.

- Human Modified (see descriptions at right)
- Agricultural Area
- Woodland/Forest
- Natural Grassland/Prairie
- Chapparal/Shrubland
- Desert Scrub
- Fresh Water
- Salt Water
- Beach
- Tundra

Habitat Modifier - If you chose "Human Modified" for either habitat type, describe the human modified landscape that the nest is in, from the list below:

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

Elevation - Enter 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.)

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

Opening Width - For cavity nests only, enter the width of entrance hole opening; specify inches (in.) or centimeters (cm.)

Breeding Summary Key

Species—Record the name of the species using this nest site for this nest attempt

Outcome—Describe final outcome of this nest attempt as:

(S) = Success, if at least one young fledged;
(F) = Failure, if no young fledged, or
(U) = Unknown outcome

If failed at what stage?—Describe the timing of the nest failure

(E) = Egg Stage, if failure occurred during egg laying or incubation;
(Y) = Young Stage, if failure occurred when young were in the nest;
(EY) = Egg or Young Stage, if failure occurred during the egg or young stage.

Discovery Date—Record the month and day that the active nest was first discovered by a nest monitor.

Egg laying start date—Estimate the month and day that the female laid the first egg.

Hatch date—Estimate the month and day that the first egg hatched.

Fledging start date—Estimate the month and day that the first young fledged from this nest.

Nest visited during egg laying?—Record if a nest monitor visited the nest during the egg laying phase.

Total visits to this nest attempt—Record the total number of times a monitor actively checked this nest. Estimates are okay.

*Clutch Size—Record the maximum number of host eggs counted in the nest (enter cowbird information in right column).

*Total number of young—Record the number of live young of host species in the nest (enter cowbird information in right column).

*Number of dead young—Record the number of dead young of host species in the nest (enter cowbird information in right column).

*Number of unhatched eggs—Record the maximum number of eggs that failed to hatch for this nest attempt (enter cowbird information in right column).

Number of fledged young—Record total number of young that fledged (left) the nest for this nest attempt (enter cowbird information in right column).

Comments—Include additional information about this nest attempt in the space provided.

*For host and cowbird information, enter "X" to indicate eggs or young are present, but exact number is unknown. If nest contents are not visible, enter "U" for unknown.

