

1 & 2 - NEST SITE LOCATION & SITE DESCRIPTION

Nest site name — Create a unique name or number for each nest site.

Nearest address — Enter the closest street address and city.

Latitude/Longitude — Enter exact coordinates of nest in decimal degree format.

Nesting substrate — Enter if the nest is in, on, or under one of the following:

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

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 — For cavity nests only, enter width of entrance hole; specify inches (in.) or centimeters (cm.)

Habitat — From the list below, enter habitat type within 1 arm length of nest and dominant habitat type within 1 football field length of nest.

Human modified	Agricultural area
Woodland/Forest	Natural Grassland and prairie
Shrubland and chaparral	Desert
Fresh Water	Salt Water
Beach	Tundra
Other	

Habitat modified description — If you chose "Human modified" for either habitat type, choose one of the following:

Yard, residential area	Public park/green space
Roadside	Golf course
Landfill/gravel pit/strip mine	Cemetery
Industrial/commercial area	Powerline corridor
Airport	Campground
Christmas tree farm	Orchard/vineyard
Recently clear cut area	Recently burned area
Campus/school yard/church/hospital	

Elevation above sea level — Specify feet (ft.) or meters (m)

Nest height above ground — Specify feet (ft.) or meters (m)

3 - BREEDING DATA

Date & Time — Record month, day, and time (to nearest hour) of each nest visit.

Eggs* — Record the number of host eggs counted. **

Live young* — Enter the number of live young of host species in the nest. **

Dead young* — Enter the number of dead young of host species in the nest. **

Nest status — Describe the status of the nest at each visit.

- no = cavity, nest box, or platform with no nest present, or use for species that do not build nests
- in = nesting materials present, but nest incomplete
- cn = nest structurally complete, with an obvious central cup
- dn = damaged nest
- fn = flattened nest with fecal matter
- an = a new avian nest found in same site (begin new attempt)
- nn = non-avian nest found (describe in comments)
- rn = nest disappeared for unknown reason

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

- no = no adults seen or heard
- ba = building nest or carrying nest material
- ra = remained on the nest during check
- aa = leaves nest and flies from vicinity during check
- va = remained in vicinity during check
- fa = feeding young at nest, or seen carrying food
- da = dead adult(s) at or near nest site

* If eggs or young are present but not countable, enter "u" for unknown.

** Enter Brown-headed Cowbird nesting data under the Cowbird Activity columns.

Young status — Describe the appearance of young birds.

- no = no young present in nest
- hy = at least one chick hatching or has just emerged from egg
- ny = nestlings naked and pink; eyes typically closed
- py = wing feathers emerging; some skin still visible; eyes open
- fy = body feathers completely cover skin, tail feathers stubby
- vy = vocal young, heard only

Management activity — Describe any human management activities at the nest site for each visit.

- no = no management activities conducted
- am = avian competitor nest/eggs/young removed (House Sparrow & European Starling only)
- bm = banded adults or young at nest (only to be done by a permitted individual)
- em = unhatched host eggs removed
- nm = nest box management (cleaning, plugging, unplugging, replacing boxes; removing old nesting material, etc.)
- pm = non-avian competitors (wasps, ants, mice, etc.) removed

Cowbird activity — Record evidence of cowbird parasitism. Include number of cowbird eggs, and live and dead cowbird young. For information on how to identify cowbirds, please visit www.nestwatch.org/learn/general-bird-nest-info/brown-headed-cowbirds

Observer initials — Record initials of nest monitor.

Notes below — Check box if comments are noted and record them in the space provided at the bottom of the page.

4 - NESTING ATTEMPT SUMMARY (host species only)

IMPORTANT DATES - In the table provided record:

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

NEST FATE - What was the outcome of the nesting attempt

TOTALS - In the table provided record:

- 1) Total number of times this nest was checked
- 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 (survived to leave the nest)

Please enter data online at www.nestwatch.org