

Project NestWatch Field Sheet - habitat and nest site descriptions

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Bird species name: _____ Nest label: _____

General note: Use this page to record information on the habitat and the nest site of the nest you monitored. If you do not know what to enter or if the section does not apply, just leave the space empty.

Habitat description

Instructions:

Circle one class (A to H) and one of its element (subclass = number) that best describes the habitat in which the nest you monitored was in. If no subclass applies, simply choose 0 for Undefined. Note that if you found a nest in your backyard and you live in the city, the habitat will be D. Human sites, 1. Urban.

Habitat definition:

The habitat is the area in which the bird is nesting and foraging. As a general guideline, you should only consider habitats within a maximum of about 100m of the nest.

A. Woodland

*** for this habitat, trees must be greater than 5m tall and dominate the landscape (it excludes isolated clumps of trees in a field)*

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Deciduous (trees with leaves)
- 2. Coniferous (trees with needles)
- 3. Mixed (> 10% each of deciduous and coniferous trees)

B. Grassland, Shrubland, and Agriculture

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Grassland
- 2. Shrubland
- 3. Tame (planted) grass (includes pastures and grassy hayfields)
- 4. Tilled land - crop (land that has been ploughed and/or planted in the current year)
- 5. Overgrown /old field
- 6. Orchard (more than 10 trees)
- 7. Vineyard
- 8. Desert/semi-desert

C. Tundra/Alpine

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Dry vegetated tundra / meadow
- 2. Wet vegetated tundra / meadow
- 3. Mix of wet and dry tundra
- 4. Rock / gravel
- 5. Polygonal tundra

D. Human sites

**** this habitat includes lawns and backyards**

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Urban (includes suburban)
- 2. Rural (farms and small communities)

E. Wetlands dominated by vegetation

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Sedge / grass
- 2. Reeds / cattail
- 3. Shrub
- 4. Moss

F. Wetlands with mainly open water

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Sheet water (shallow, temporary)
- 2. Pond / dugout (<0.25ha)
- 3. Small lake (0.25 - 5ha)
- 4. Lake (>5ha)
- 5. Stream (<3m wide)
- 6. River (>3m wide)
- 7. Ditch with water (intended for drainage)
- 8. Canals (intended for transport of water or boats)

G. Saltwater Coastal Sites

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Marine shore (open)
- 2. Marine shore (cove, inlet)
- 3. Estuarine shore (shoreline where a river's mouth meets the ocean)
- 4. Brackish lagoon shore (a large partially enclosed area of mixed salt/fresh water)

H. Rock

- 0. Undefined
- 1. Cliff (can be used for either inland or coastal habitats)
- 2. Scree /boulder slope
- 3. Rock outcrop
- 4. Quarry
- 5. Mine/spoil/slag heap

Nest site description

Nest site selection

Enter 1 code (from the list below) in each box (if applicable) to describe nest location.

	IN	ON	UNDER
Enter 1 code (from the list below) in each box (if applicable) to describe nest location.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. live tree | L. ditch |
| B. bush/shrub | M. post/pole/tower |
| C. snag/stub/dead tree | N. building |
| D. vines | O. bridge |
| E. reeds | P. Other human artefact |
| F. herbs | Q. Earth |
| G. grass | R. sand |
| H. Lichen/moss | S. gravel |
| I. dead vegetation | T. stones/rock |
| J. floating vegetation | U. cliff |
| K. hedgerow | V. other |

Nest site type (check one)

- unenclosed/exposed nest box
 hole or crevice other bird / mammal nest
 ledge

Other details (check one if applicable)

- raft / islet island over water

Exposure (check one)

- well hidden partially hidden exposed

Slope (check one)

- vertical steep
 Gentle flat

Direction of slope (facing) - if applicable

- North
 North-east
 East
 South-east
 South
 South-west
 West
 North-west

Direction of nest hole (facing) - if applicable

- North
 North-east
 East
 South-east
 South
 South-west
 West
 North-west

Nest height above ground / water : metres