



Maine Nestbox Check Data Sheet *Form for recording nestbox records; At the end of the breeding season, send hard or scanned copy to: Maine Natural History Observatory (Logan Parker – logan@hereinthewild.com – 316 Chisholm Pond Road Palermo, ME 04354)*

1. NESTBOX SITE LOCATION & DETAILS

Year: _____ Species: _____

Observers: _____

Nest Site Name: _____

Nearest Street Address & city: _____

or
Latitude N: _____ Longitude W: _____

Nest Box Height above ground (feet): _____

Approximate Nest box cavity opening orientation (circle one): N, S, E, W, NE, SE, NW, SW

Nestbox mounted on: _____ Opening diameter (inches): _____

2. SITE VISITS & BREEDING DATA

Visit #	Month / Day	Time	# Eggs	# Live Young	# Dead Young	Nest Status	Adult Status	Young Status	Notes:
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									
9									
10									
11									
12									

3. NEST ATTEMPT SUMMARY

Date first Egg Detected: _____

Clutch Size: _____

Estimated Hatch Date: _____ Number of Eggs Hatched _____

Estimated Fledge Date: _____ Number of Fledged Young: _____

Nest Fate: _____

Notes: _____

Was this nesting record entered into the Maine Bird Atlas eBird portal? (circle one): YES NO



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1. NESTBOX SITE LOCATION & DETAILS

Year: Record the year when observations took place.

Species: Record the species nesting in the box.

Nest Site Name: The unique name or number for the nest box. OK to create one that makes sense to you and can be used for multiple years.

Address or Latitude/Longitude: Enter the nearest street address and city, OR you can enter the exact coordinates of the nest box in decimal degree format.

Nestbox Height: Estimate the height of the nestbox opening above the ground, measured in feet.

Cavity Opening Orientation: Specify the orientation of the entrance hole.

Nestbox Mount: Specify what the nestbox is mounted on, e.g., pole, live tree, dead tree, building, etc.

Opening Diameter: Enter the diameter of the entrance hole in inches.

2. SITE VISITS & BREEDING DATA

Date & Time: Record the month, day, and time of each nest visit.

Eggs: Record number of eggs counted for species nesting in box.

Live Young: Record number of live young counted for species nesting in box.

Dead Young: Record number of dead young counted for species nesting in box

Nest Status: Describe the status of the nest at each visit, using the following codes:

NO: No birds nesting in nestbox

IN: Nesting materials present, but nest appears incomplete

CN: Nest structurally appears complete

DN: Damaged nest

FN: Nest flattened with fecal matter

AN: New nest attempt in same box

NN: Nonavian nest found (describe in notes section)

RN: Nest disappeared for unknown reason

Adult Status: Describe status or activity of adults seen or heard near the nest for each visit, using the following codes:

no: No adults seen or heard

ba: Building nest or carrying nest material

ra: Remained on the nest during check

aa: Left nest and flew from vicinity during check

va: Remained in vicinity of the nest during check

fa: Feeding young at nest or seen carrying food

da: Dead adult(s) at or near nest site

Young Status: Describe appearance of young birds for each visit, using the following codes:

no: No young present at nest

hy: At least 1 check hatching or 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

Notes: Record any notes regarding management activity, cowbird activity, or other details.

3. NEST ATTEMPT SUMMARY

First Egg: Record the month and day that the first egg was detected.

Clutch Size: Maximum number of eggs for species nesting in box.

Hatch Date & # Hatched: Estimate the date that the first egg hatched and the total number hatched.

Fledged Date & # Fledged: Estimate the date that the first young fledged from the nest, and the total number fledged.

Nest Fate: Summarize the final outcome of the nesting attempt.

Observations entered into Maine Bird Atlas eBird portal?: Circle yes if you have entered this nesting record into the Maine Bird Atlas eBird portal, and circle no if you have not. Regardless of your answer, please send hard or scanned copy to the Maine Natural History Observatory (Logan Parker – logan@hereinthewild.com – 316 Chisholm Pond Road Palermo, ME 04354) at the end of the breeding season.