

# The Birdhouse Network

## Nest-Box Description

### Worksheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

TBN ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Use this worksheet to record data for up to **10 nest-box descriptions**. Use reverse side to record nest attempt data. See the first line of this form for an example. This worksheet is for your records only, please transfer data to TBN's online database (you only need to enter nest-box data once). Use key at bottom for explanation of column titles. THANK YOU!

Nest Box ID	Latitude (Degrees/Decimal)	Longitude (Degrees/Decimal)	ZIP Code	Elevation (ft.)	Hole Orientation	Prime Habitat (w/in 100 ft.)	Second Habitat (w/in 1/2 mile)	Box Type	Entrance Hole Size (in.)	Floor Dimensions (in.)	Side Dimensions (in.)	Height Above Ground (ft.)	Box Mount	Predator Guard Type
<i>Example</i> Park 1A	34.66667	-92.91667	14850	500	NE	8	8	RECT	1.5" R	4.5 x 4.5"	11"	5.5'	ELEC	CONE
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<p><b>Nest Box ID</b> - Unique Name or number for each nest box</p> <p><b>Latitude/Longitude</b> - Enter in Decimal Degrees if known</p> <p><b>Elevation</b> - Enter in feet, or specify if in meters (m)</p> <p><b>Habitat Codes</b> - (Primary for area within 100 feet of box; Secondary for area within 1/2 mile of box)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1 - Residential urban/suburban</td> <td>9 - Cemetery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 - Residential/Rural</td> <td>A - Swamp/wetland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 - Agricultural Field</td> <td>B - Desert Scrub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 - Meadow/Grassland</td> <td>C - Industrial/Commercial</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 - Park/School/Field</td> <td>D - Fresh Water</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 - Forest/Woodland</td> <td>E - Salt Water</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 - Forest/Edge</td> <td>F - Other, please specify</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 - Golf Course</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Box Type</b> - Specify type of box provided for each box monitored</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>RECT - Standard rectangular</td> <td>SLOT - Box w/ slot opening</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PETE - Peterson box</td> <td>NATCAV - Natural cavity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PVC - PVC/Gilbertson box</td> <td>KESOWL - Kestrel/Owl box</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GOURD - Gourd</td> <td>UNK - Unknown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>APT - Martin apartment</td> <td>OTHER - Please specify</td> </tr> </table>	1 - Residential urban/suburban	9 - Cemetery	2 - Residential/Rural	A - Swamp/wetland	3 - Agricultural Field	B - Desert Scrub	4 - Meadow/Grassland	C - Industrial/Commercial	5 - Park/School/Field	D - Fresh Water	6 - Forest/Woodland	E - Salt Water	7 - Forest/Edge	F - Other, please specify	8 - Golf Course		RECT - Standard rectangular	SLOT - Box w/ slot opening	PETE - Peterson box	NATCAV - Natural cavity	PVC - PVC/Gilbertson box	KESOWL - Kestrel/Owl box	GOURD - Gourd	UNK - Unknown	APT - Martin apartment	OTHER - Please specify	<p><b>Box Mount</b>- Specify mounting system for each box monitored</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FENCE - Fence post</td> <td>TREE - Tree</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ELEC - Electrical conduit</td> <td>POLE - Free standing pole</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UTIL - Phone/Utility pole</td> <td>OTHER - Please specify</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Predator Guard Type</b> - Specify type of guard around each box</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>NONE - No guard provided</td> <td>CONE - Conical guard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NOEL - Noel guard</td> <td>GRS - Greased pole/pipe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SPIPE - Stovepipe baffle</td> <td>OTHER - Please specify</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Entrance Hole Orientation</b> - Specify direction of entrance hole</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>N - North</td> <td>S - South</td> <td>NE - Northeast</td> <td>SW - Southwest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E - East</td> <td>W - West</td> <td>SE - Southeast</td> <td>NW - Northwest</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Entrance Hole</b>- Measure entrance hole diameter in inches or specify if in millimeters and describe shape</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>R - Round Hole (in.)</td> <td>O - Oval hole (width x height)</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Height Above Ground</b> - Measure height of entrance hole in feet or specify if in meters (m)</p> <p><b>Floor/Side Dimensions</b> - Measure sides and floor of box in inches or specify if in centimeters (cm)</p>	FENCE - Fence post	TREE - Tree	ELEC - Electrical conduit	POLE - Free standing pole	UTIL - Phone/Utility pole	OTHER - Please specify	NONE - No guard provided	CONE - Conical guard	NOEL - Noel guard	GRS - Greased pole/pipe	SPIPE - Stovepipe baffle	OTHER - Please specify	N - North	S - South	NE - Northeast	SW - Southwest	E - East	W - West	SE - Southeast	NW - Northwest	R - Round Hole (in.)	O - Oval hole (width x height)
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# Nest Attempt Worksheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 TBN ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Use this worksheet to record annual data for up to **12 nest attempts**. Use the reverse side to record nest-box data. See the first line of this form for an example. Use key at bottom for explanation of column titles. This worksheet is for your records only, please transfer information from the worksheet to TBN's online database each breeding season. THANK YOU!

Nest Box ID	At-tempt #	Species	Fate	Cause of Failure	First Egg Date	Clutch Size	Hatch Date	Hatch w/in 24 hours?	Max # Nestlings	Fledge Date	Max # Fledglings	Max # Unhatched Eggs	Blowfly Evidence	Comments & Observations
<i>Example</i> Park 1A	1	Eastern Bluebird	S	—	5/11	5	5/27	UNK	4	6/15	4	1	L	White eggs

**Key:**

<p><b>Nest Box ID</b> - Unique name or number for each nest box  <b>Attempt #</b> - Nest attempt number for that nest box  <b>Species</b> - Specify for each nest attempt  <b>Fate</b> S - Successful; at least one young fledged                  F - Failed; no young fledged  <b>Cause of Failure</b> - Describe reason for failure                  ABAN - Nest Abandoned      HUMA - Human Activities                  WEAT - Weather                      COMP - Competitor species                  PRED - Predation                      UNK - Unknown                  PARA - Parasites                      OTHER - Please specify  <b>First Egg Date</b> - Estimate date when first egg was laid  <b>Clutch Size</b> - Record maximum number of eggs per nest attempt  <b>Hatch Date</b> - Estimate date that first egg hatched</p>	<p><b>Hatch w/in 24 hours?</b> - Record if all eggs in the clutch hatched within 24 hours of one another                  Y - Yes                                      N - No                                      UNK - Unknown  <b>Max # Nestlings</b> - Maximum number nestlings per nest attempt  <b>Fledge Date</b> - Estimate date nestlings left the box  <b>Max # Fledglings</b> - Record maximum number of young that fledged from the box  <b>Max # Unhatched Eggs</b> - Record maximum number of eggs that failed to hatch per nest attempt  <b>Blowfly Evidence</b> - Record evidence of blowflies per nest attempt                  N - No evidence                      P - Pupal cases present                  L - Larvae present                      S - Scabs on chicks                  OTHER - Please specify</p>
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