

Sample Datasheet

BOX NUMBER: 1A												
Date	Nest Status	Species	N eggs	N nestlings	N fledglings	Failure cause	Male Band	Female Band	Nesting weights	Nestling Ages	Fecal?	Notes
4 Apr 2024	inactive		0	0	0							
8 Apr 2024	In construc.		0	0	0							
11 Apr 2024	In construc.		0	0	0							
15 Apr 2024	Complete	PROW	1	0	0		X:G					
20 Apr 2024	Complete	PROW	5	0	0			No band				Fem. flushed from box
23 Apr 2024	Complete	PROW	5	0	0							Female on nest
27 Apr 2024	Complete	PROW	5	0	0							No female, eggs warm
1 May 2024	Complete	PROW	1	4	0		X:G	No band				Hatching day
4 May 2024	Complete	PROW	0	3	0		X:G		4.2, 4.4, 2.9	3, 3, 2	Y, N, U, U	Two poops collected
8 May 2024	Complete	PROW	0	3	0		X:G	No band	9.5, 8.7, 9.8	7, 6.5, 7	Y, Y, N, N	
13 May 2024	Fledged	PROW	0	0	3							Lots of poop in nest cup

Instructions

Nest Status: inactive, in construction (i.e., no eggs), complete (may or may not have eggs), fledged, failed

Species: PROW, CARW, CACH, PUMA, OTHER (describe in notes)

Failure cause: Predator, Abandoned, Take-over (by another bird of the same or different species), Other, Unknown. Describe additional details in notes.

Male/Female band combo: If the adult is not banded, write “not banded.” If the adult is banded, note the combination. For example, KX:G = left black over silver, right green. Color options are red (R), orange (O), yellow (Y), green (G), black (K), white (W), and metal (X). PUMA would have an alpha-numeric code as well. For example, X:K“A001” = left metal, right black with “A001.” If you don’t know if an adult is banded or cannot determine the band combo, leave this blank.

Nestling weights: Weigh each nestling and separate their weights (in grams) with a comma. For example: 8.1, 7.7, 8.2, 6.9.

Nestling ages: Compare the developmental stage to reference charts to estimate the age of each chick (in days), in the same order as their weights were listed. For example: 6, 6, 6, 5.5. It is ok to use “half days” if you feel the bird is intermediate between two dates.

Fecal?: Write Y (yes), N (no), or U (unknown, if you can’t assign a poop to a certain bird) in the same order as their weights and ages were listed.

Consider adding notes about how you determined that a nest fledged. Fledged nests will have old poop in them – parents stop removing fecal sacks on the last day or so before fledging. You may also hear begging calls of fledglings nearby. See if you can account for all the chicks (this can be really hard, actually). If the previous check was within a few days of fledging, it can be assumed that those nestlings all survived to fledging.