

New Mexico Breeding Bird Atlas
Nest Observation Form

Most breeding species can be confirmed without finding nests. When nests are found specific information can be collected. This is an optional but useful part of the atlas project. Nest records can provide detailed information for all species, but are especially useful for rare species or special concern species in New Mexico, as well as describing unique New Mexico nest characteristics for species with wider geographic ranges. When you find a nest please fill out the card and return it your Regional Organizer. Please ask your Regional Organizer for more forms, as you need them. Please remember that disturbing an active nest is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, so keep your distance!

Species (standard common name) _____

Basis of identification _____

Year _____

Observer (full name) _____

Location description and county _____

Habitat (give atlas habitat code) _____

Nest Site (circle where appropriate)

Bare ground, on ground in vegetation, floating, low vegetation, shrub, deciduous tree branch, deciduous tree cavity, conifer branch, conifer cavity, nest box, cliff or bank, other (specify)

Principal plant or structure supporting the nest _____

Height of eggs above the ground or water in feet (feet and tenths if under five feet) or meters (meters and decimeters if under two meters). _____

Month (mm)	Day (dd)	Number Eggs	Number Young	Nest Building	Adult Incubating	Comments (Stage of nest building: eggs present, young present, or age of young, etc.)

Outcome (circle where appropriate)

Unknown because not revisited	Failure due to competition with other species
Young seen leaving nest	Failure due to weather
Parent(s) excited near nest	Failure due to predation
Parent(s) with young near nest	Failure due to invertebrate parasites
Nest empty, intact	Failure due to cowbirds
Nest empty, damaged	Failure due to human activities
Nest Deserted	Failure due to pesticides (give details)
Other (Please describe)	