

Breeding Bird Survey Activity Criteria & Codes

Possible breeding

- X Species observed in possible nesting habitat, but no other indication of breeding noted. Singing male(s) present (or breeding calls heard) in breeding season.

Probable Breeding

- S singing male(s) present (or breeding calls heard) on more than one date at least a week apart in the same place
- P Pair observed in suitable habitat in breeding season
- T Bird, or pair, apparently holding territory
- C Courtship display, copulation, agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adults observed, suggesting nearby presence of nest or young.
- N Visiting probable nest site
- B Nest building or excavation of nest cavity

Confirmed Breeding

- DD Distraction display or injury-feigning behavior observed
- UN Used nest found
- FL Recently fledged young present
- ON Adult(s) entering or leaving nest in circumstances indicating occupied nest
- FS Adult carrying fecal sac
- FY Adult(s) with food for young
- NE Identifiable nest and eggs, adult sitting on nest, identifiable egg shells found in nest, identifiable dead nestling found
- NY Nest with young

Adapted from: McGowan & Corwin (2008)