

Breeding Bird Atlas Evidence Codes

Confirmed	
CO - NB	Nest building by all species except wrens and woodpeckers.
CO - PE	Physiological evidence of breeding: brood patch or egg in oviduct (based on bird in hand).
CO - DD	Distraction display or injury feigning by adult.
CO - UN	Used nest or eggshells found. CAUTION: These must be carefully identified if the record is to be accepted.
CO - FL	Recently fledged young (of altricial species) incapable of flight or downy young (of precocial species) restricted to the natal area of dependence on adults or by limited mobility.
CO - ON	Occupied nest: Adults entering or leaving nest (includes high nests or nest holes, the contents of which cannot be seen) OR adult incubating or brooding.
CO - AY	Attending young: Adult carrying fecal sac or food for young or feeding recently fledged young.
CO - NE	Nest with egg(s).
CO - NY	Nest with young seen or heard.
Probable	
PR - P	Pair observed in suitable nesting habitat during its breeding season.
PR - T	Permanent territory presumed through defense (e.g., chasing of other birds, or song or display at the same location on at least 2 occasions a week or more apart.)
PR - C	Courtship behavior or copulation observed.
PR - N	Visiting of probable nest site.
PR - A	Agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adult(s).
PR - B	Nest building by wrens or excavation of holes by woodpeckers. (NOTE: nest construction by other species falls under the Confirmed-NB category.)
PR - M	7 or more males singing in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season.
Possible	
PO - H	Species (male or female) observed in suitable nesting habitat during its breeding season.
PO - X	Less than 7 singing males present in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season.
Observed	
OB - O	Species (male or female) observed in a block during the breeding season, but no evidence of breeding observed.