*Raptor Patch* territory recording form

Instructions: Please complete a separate form for each territory within your *Raptor Patch*.

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| **Observer:** |  | Please provide your name. |
| **Species:** |  | Please name the species, to whom this territory record pertains. |
| **Territory details:** | Territory name: |  | Please give the territory a name. We would suggest that you name it for something that is clearly marked on the OS map, perhaps the name of a settlement or area of woodland. |
| 1-km grid ref: |  |  |  |  |  |  | Give the 1-km square containing nest site, or if not known or no nesting attempt, give the square best describing area used by birds. |
|  e.g. | N | O | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **This year’s nest located?** | Yes: |  | No: |  | Please tick “Yes or “No” as appropriate. |
| **Date nest located:** |  | Please provide the date on which this year’s nest was found. |
| **Nest location:** | 100 m grid ref: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Give the nearest grid reference to the nest location. |
|  e.g. | N | O | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| **Nest type:** |  | Please complete with “New self-built nest”, “Old self-built nest”, “Old other species’ nest”, “Natural cavity”, “Man-made cavity”, “Scrape”, “Nest box” or another. |
| **Nest site:** |  | Please complete with the location of the nest - if the nest is in a tree or other vegetation provide the name of the species (e.g. larch or heather) if you are able or if on a man-made structure describe the type (e.g. pylon, derelict building or active quarry). |
| **Outcome:** | Failed: |  | Successful: |  | Unknown: |  | Please tick “Failed”, “Successful” or “Unknown” as appropriate. |
| **Evidence for failure outcome:** |  | If you have recorded the outcome as “Failed” please complete with the evidence for this according to what you have seen, either “Observed failure as it happened”, “Empty nest”, “Nest removed or destroyed”, “Dead/deserted young/eggs” or “No breeding activity observed” |
| **Cause of failure, if known:** |  | If you have recorded the outcome as “Failed” please complete with more detail about the cause, e.g. “Predation (mammal)”. |
| **Evidence for cause of failure:** |  | If you have completed the cause of failure please complete with more detail about the evidence that has led you to draw that conclusion, e.g. “Predator signs in or around nest”. |

**Visit details:** Please use the table over the page to record information about territory occupancy and nest contents (if you locate an active nest) on each visit to the territory. Not all columns need to be completed on every visit. Please use a separate row for each visit. If you undertake more than nine visits please print off extra recording forms.

| **Date** | **Territory occupancy** | **Nest contents**Complete with “Unknown”, “Yes”, “No” or where direct observations of eggs or chicks are possible provide a numerical value either a whole number if you are satisfied that that is a good assessment of the number there (e.g. 2) or a minimum assessment if you are not certain if there are any more present (e.g. 2+). If you complete with “Yes” please give details of evidence (e.g. incubating bird, splash). | **Estimated ages of chicks**Complete with “Unknown” or provide a numerical value.  |
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| **Number of birds**Complete with “Single”, “Pair” or “No birds” | **Field signs** Complete with “Fresh”, “Old”, “No” or “Not checked” | **Brief summary of raptor activity observed or field signs located** | **Eggs laid** | **Eggshatched** | **Largeyoung** | **Youngfledged** |
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