

SRMS Online Quick Reference Guide: Nest Site Attributes

On SRMS Online we ask you to try to keep details about Nest Sites complete and up to date. You may find it helpful to take this quick reference guide with you into the field to remind yourself of the Habitat and Nest Site Details that you should be looking to collect and maintain for each Nest Site location that you monitor.

Nest Site code: **Nest Site name:**

Habitats:

Please estimate which two habitats are most important in an appropriate area around the Nest Site. Whilst the area of importance will vary between species, the area within 1 km of the nest site is considered to be a useful guide. **Primary habitat** is considered to be the most extensive. **Secondary habitat** is considered to be the second most extensive.

Coniferous woodland	young commercial	
	young semi-natural	
	mature commercial	
	mature semi-natural	
	mixed-aged commercial or semi-natural	
Deciduous woodland	young	
	mature	
	mixed-aged	
Mixed woodland	young	
	mature	
	mixed-aged or semi-natural	
Scrubland	Clearfell/brash	
	Other scrub	
Semi-natural grassland/marsh	Other dry grassland	
	Wet meadow	
	Machair	
	Reed bed	
	Semi-natural grassland/marsh-Other open marsh	
	Semi-natural grassland/marsh-Grass moorland	

Heathland and bogs	Mixed moorland	
	Bracken	
	Heather moorland	
	Bog	
Farmland	Lowland pastoral	
	Lowland arable	
	Farmland -Lowland mixed	
	Upland farmland/sheepwalk other	
Human Sites	Urban/industrial	
	Suburban, garden, parkland	
Waterbodies	Fresh water (loch, pond, river, reservoir)	
Coastal	Estuarine	
	Open shore	
	Cove/loch	
Montane	Arctic-Alpine	
Other	specify in notes	

Management activities:

Please let us know of any **management activities** going on in the nesting habitat.

Keeped upland	Actively keeped upland (e.g. muirburn, grouse butts, crow traps present)	
Keeped lowland	Actively keeped lowland (e.g. traps, release pens, supplementary food present)	
Not keeped	Not actively keeped (no evidence of active game management)	
Stalking	Managed for stalking only (e.g. known stalker, high seats, recent signage present)	
Stalking plus grouse	Stalking with walked-up Grouse	
Unknown	Unknown	

Nest Type:

Please let us know the **Nest Type**.

New self-built nest		Old Built Nest		Man-made cavity (e.g. in building)		Nest platform	
Old self-built nest		Old nest (builder unknown)		Scrape		Other man-made	
Self built (age unknown)		Natural cavity		Nest box*		Other (specify in notes)	

*If the nest is in a Nest Box, you are able to provide additional details in relation to the structure of the box and length of time it has been installed.

Nest box Type	Hole		Nest box Size	Small		Tree Species		
	Open/Unenclosed			Medium			Interior volume (litres)	
	Chimney			Large			Date installed	
	Platform		Nest box Material	Wood				
	Tunnel			Concrete				
Other		Plastic						
			Other					

Site Type:

Please let us know the **Site Type**. This is the location of the nest.

Deciduous	Alder		Conifer	Douglas Fir		Ledge	Dam		Built structure	Farm building in use	
	Ash			Larch			Active quarry			Derelict building	
	Aspen			Lodgepole Pine			Disused quarry			Industrial/urban building	
	Beech			Norway Spruce			Coastal cliff/crag			Other building	
	Birch			Scots Pine			Inland cliff/crag			Pylon	
	Elm			Sitka Spruce			Ravine			Bridge	
	Gean			Other conifer		Small rocky outcrop					
	Horse Chestnut										
	Oak		Ground	Heather							
	Rowan			Grass							
Other broadleaf		Bracken									
			Rush								
			Bog Myrtle								
			Reedbed								

There are further Nest Site details you can collect which are of interest to the BTO's Nest Record Scheme.

Near

Exposure

Aspect

Margin of a wood	
Margin of a field	
Centre of a wood	
Centre of a field	

Well hidden	
Part hidden	
Exposed	

Flat/gentle slope	
Sloping ground	
Vertical ground	

In another bird/animal nest	Please let us know if the nest being used was made by a different species to the current occupant.	
Nest Height	Please let us know the height of the nest above the ground in meters.	
Orientation	Please let us know the direction a nest box opening faces or the side of the tree or slope/cliff face the Nest Site is located.	