

Breeding Evidence Codes

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Listed in order of increasing certainty under each heading

CONFIRMED EVIDENCE OF BREEDING:

DD	distraction display or injury feigning
FL	fledgling
FS	adult carrying fecal sac
FY	adult with food for young
NB	nest building <i>except by wrens and woodpeckers</i>
NY	nest with young seen or heard
NE	nest with eggs
ON	on nest, adults entering or leaving nest site
UN	used nest (caution required)

PROBABLE EVIDENCE OF BREEDING:

A	agitated behaviour or anxiety calls from adult
B	nest building <i>by wrens or woodpeckers</i>
C	courtship or copulation
M	multiple singing males (7 or more)
N	visiting probable nest site
P	pair
T	holding territory (singing male in same location on two occasions at least a week apart)

POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF BREEDING:

./	present during breeding season in suitable habitat
X	singing in suitable habitat

Other codes:

F	flying over area
O	observed during the breeding season