

CODES FOR REPORTING VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF BREEDING EVIDENCE

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POSSIBLE BREEDING

H Species present in suitable nesting habitat during its breeding season

PROBABLE BREEDING

P Pair observed in suitable habitat during the breeding season

T Territorial behaviour (song, territorial disputes, etc.) observed on at least two days, a week or more apart, at the same place

C Courtship behaviour: display, copulation, or food exchange between adults

V Visiting a probable nest site, as distinct from a roosting site

A Agitated behaviour or anxiety calls of an adult indicating that a nest site or young are nearby

N Excavation of holes by woodpeckers

CONFIRMED BREEDING

CN Nest building or carrying of nesting materials (except woodpeckers)

NU Used nest or egg shells found (nest occupied or eggs laid during the current season)

AT Adult carrying food for young during the breeding season

PH Physiological evidence (i.e., highly vascularized incubation patch or egg in oviduct) observed in bird in hand

DD Distraction display or injury feigning by such birds as ducks, grouse, shorebirds, etc.

NO Adult leaving, occupying, or entering nest site in circumstances indicating that the nest is occupied (high nests, nest holes, or nest boxes where the contents of the nest cannot be seen)

FE Adult carrying fecal sac

JE Downy young or recently fledged young incapable of sustained flight

NJ Nest containing eggs or young (seen or heard)