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Nestbox Check Data Sheet

- Enter date of visit, start/end time, and observer names.
- NOTES: The most useful notes are reminders for your next visit, notes for the Program Coordinator, etc.). Lengthier observations of site conditions, behavior, etc. can also go here.
- Species: Use the appropriate 4-letter code (e.g., TRES, WEBL, ATFL). See Section 3.3 for information on species nests. If you're uncertain of which species is building a nest, describe what you see under notes.
- Adults: Record their position relative to the box: absent (--), nearby (NEAR), on (ON), or in (IN) are sufficient.
- Nest: Record the nest stage on a scale from 0-4 (leave blank if no nesting material): **0.X** = loose material inside (if 10% floor covered, call it 0.1, if 40% covered, 0.4, etc.), **1** = clear ring/wreath of material, often bare floor in middle, **2** = no bare floor; shallow, sloppy nest cup, **3** = distinct nest cup for eggs, **4** = fully lined, "smooth" textured nest cup. This is a bit subjective, but the goal is to let you know if eggs are in store on your next visit. ***For Tree Swallow nests, add a slash after the nest stage and record the number of feathers in the nest. For example, a 2/12 would be a partially complete nest with 12 feathers.
- Eggs: Count them (it's surprising how easy it is to mess this up: count twice), and write a "W" if the eggs are warm, indicating the eggs have been under incubation, or "A" if the eggs are at ambient temperature (e.g., 4W or 6A). Incubation begins after the clutch is complete so eggs hatch synchronously. If eggs have been present in a nest for more than 3 weeks, they may have failed to hatch, note these as FTH eggs (eg. 1 FTH). Please note color of Western Bluebird eggs (most are blue but some lay white eggs).
- Nestlings: Count them. Under notes, include wing chord (WC) measurements from a few nestlings so we can more precisely estimate their age and when they'll need banding. (e.g., 5 nestlings, WCs of 24, 30, and 18 mm).
- Notes: Expand upon anything interesting, noteworthy, or helps to track the status of a nesting attempt; note if adults are/aren't banded, note box repairs needed, etc. Also account for numbers seen—if there were 5 chicks last week and this week there are 2, try to speculate on what might have happened (eg. depredation or fledging, for example, and give evidence (e.g., 2 chicks missing—disturbed nest material suggests predator was responsible).