

Nest Monitoring Calendar

SPECIES: NOCA		Month: May/June					Year: 2017						
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28	B	29		30		31		1	I E = 4	2		3	
4		5	I E = 4	6		7		8	I E = 4	9		10	
11		12	E = 0, N = 1	13		14	E = 0, N = 0 P, A						
SAMPLE													

The chart and codes below provide suggestions for recording your nest observations quickly and accurately. Even though you can begin monitoring a nest of any species at any stage, the chart below provides guidance on how long certain stages can last for Nestwatch focal species.

An example is shown at left of a failed cardinal nest that was predated in the late incubation/early nestling stages and then abandoned. Go to page 2 for a blank copy.

Nest Cycle Stages

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Other Abbreviations

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- N = Number of Nestlings
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# of Eggs	1-5	2-6	3-10	1-13	3-7	3-10	1-6	1-6	4	3-9	2-6	2-6
Incubation Period - days	11-13	12-13	12-15	12-13	12-14	9-16	12-15	12-14	12-14	12-14	10-14	14-16
Days to Fledging	7-13	10-15	16-19	12-16	10-16	15-18	8-12	8-12	14-16	15-18	9-13	16-18

NOCA-Northern Cardinal; NOMO-Northern Mockingbird; CACH-Carolina Chickadee; BCCH-Black-capped Chickadee; CARW-Carolina Wren; HOWR-House Wren; SOSP-Song Sparrow; GRCA-Gray Catbird; AMRO-American Robin; TUTI-Tufted Titmouse; BRTH-Brown Thrasher; EAPH-Eastern Phoebe

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