



Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas

Breeding Categories and Codes

Category	Code	Explanation
Observed	Null Coded as 'observed' in eBird	A species (male or femlae) seen during it's breeding season, but no evidence of breeding.
	F <u>F</u> lyover	Birds observed flying overhead, but never landing within sight.
Possible	H In Appropriate <u>H</u> abitat	Male or female seen in suitable nesting habitat, during its breeding season.
	S <u>S</u> inging Male	A singing male in suitable nesting habtiat during its breeding season.
Probable	P <u>P</u> air in suitable habitat	Use this code when confident that you have observed a mated pair.
	S7 <u>S</u> inging Male present <u>7+</u> days	A male is observed singing in same location on at least 2 occasions 7+ days apart
	T <u>T</u> erritorial Defense	A permanent territory is presumed through observation of defensive behavior.
	C <u>C</u> ourtship Display or Copulation	This can include observations of food transfer, male displays, or grooming between a pair.
	N Probable <u>N</u> est Site	When a bird is observed repeatedly visiting a potential nest site
	A <u>A</u> gitated Behavior	Should be used when agitated behavior or anxiety calls are observed from an adult.
	B Nest <u>B</u> uilding or Repeat Visits	By wrens, kingfishers, woodpeckers, chickadees, and titmouse. All may use multiple cavities/nests.
Confirmed	CN <u>C</u> arrying <u>N</u> est Material	Individual(s) observed carrying sticks or other material for nest building.
	NB <u>N</u> est <u>B</u> uilding	Observation of actual nest construction by species other than those listed for 'B' code.
	PE <u>P</u> hysiological <u>E</u> vidence	To be used only by experienced bird banders, when a bird is in hand.
	DD <u>D</u> istractio <u>n</u> <u>D</u> isplay	When an adult feigns injury or attacks an intruder to distract from unseen nest or young.
	UN <u>U</u> sed <u>N</u> est	When an occupied nest or eggshells are found, but no adults are present.
	FL Recently <u>F</u> ledged Young	Juvenile birds that are still dependent on parents for food (includes both altricial and precocial young).
	ON <u>O</u> ccupied <u>N</u> est	Adult seen perched on a nest or entering/leaving a nest site in circumstances indicating an occupied nest.
	CF <u>C</u> arrying <u>F</u> ood	Adult carrying food for juvenile bird(s). Look for repeated carrying in same direction.
	FY <u>F</u> eeding <u>Y</u> oung	Adult bird feeding recently fledged young that are not yet independent.
	FS Carrying <u>F</u> ecal <u>S</u> ac	Adult bird carrying a membranous, white fecal sac away from the nest.
	NE <u>N</u> est with <u>E</u> ggs	(or eggshells on ground.) Only use this code if adult bird is present to verify species identity.
	NY <u>N</u> est with <u>Y</u> oung	Nest observed with young either seen or heard.