

Colonial Waterbird Datasheet

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory

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Please use a separate form for every visit. Do not summarize visits here.

Colony ID:	Date:
Observers(s):	
Start Time:	End Time:
Nest visibility , circle one: GOOD MODERATE POOR <i>Comment below on what limits visibility (glare, leaves, etc)</i>	

SURVEY SUMMARY DATA: Count ALL active nests and individuals within the colony.

ACTIVE NESTS: Before 1 April, active HEP nests must either have two adults present or one adult carrying nesting material or incubating. After 1 April, any occupied HEP nest is considered active.

		Count all active nests	Count all breeding adults	Count all chicks
Species Code	Common Name	Total Nest Count	Total Adult Count	Total Young Count
H E P	BCNH	Black-crowned Night Heron		
	DCCO	Double-crested Cormorant		
	GBHE	Great Blue Heron		
	GREG	Great Egret		
	SNEG	Snowy Egret		
G U T E	AMAV	American Avocet		
	BLSK	Black Skimmer		
	BNST	Black-necked Stilt		
	CATE	Caspian Tern		
	FOTE	Forster's Tern		

DISTURBANCE: Please describe signs of disturbance to the colony.. Attach additional pages if needed.

Observed or Inferred (O/I)	Description Including any impact to the colony	Type Code ¹	Result Code ²

¹A=avian, H=human, W=weather, M=mammal, O=observer, P=unknown predator, U=unknown

²0=No response observed, 1=behavioral response, 2=nest failure, 3=colony abandonment, 4=pre-season disturbance, prior to arrival

CWB Datasheet – HEP

Colony ID:

Date:

TALLY NESTS IN EACH STAGE: For HEP Species, tally the number of nests at each stage.

Stage 0: Prenesting: birds at or near colony, courtship, mating, roosting, nest construction
Stage 1: Egg laying, incubation, adult lying down for long periods, egg turning, defecation, nest relief. One or more adults continuously at the nest.
Stage 2: Hatching, downy chicks, feeding low in the nest. One or more adults continuously at the nest. This stage is hard to detect!
Stage 3: Chicks usually standing, most down replaced by juvenal plumage, one or more adults continuously at the nest. Beware, adults may be temporarily flushed off the nest! DCCO chicks still downy.
Stage 4: Adults not continuously at nest, chicks rarely off nest platform. DCCO chicks downy or juvenal plumage.
Stage 5: Young often off the nest. "Branchers." Adults not continuously at the nest.
Unknown: Nest stage cannot be determined due to poor visibility.

Species	STAGE 0	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	STAGE 5	Unknown

TALLY STAGE 4 BROOD SIZES: For HEP species, re-locate the Stage 4 nests and count the number of chicks in each nest. The number of chicks in the nest is the brood size. Tally the number of clearly visible Stage 4 nests with each brood size in the boxes below. Only count chicks in nests where you are confident that you can see all chicks. Do not include broods from nests not at Stage 4. If there are Stage 4 chicks that cannot be associated with any nest, record them in the "S4 chicks no nest" column.

Species	1-CHICK NESTS	2-CHICK NESTS	3-CHICK NESTS	4-CHICK NESTS	5-CHICK NESTS	S4 CHICKS - NO NEST

NOTES (Optional): Briefly describe additional observations relevant to the nesting colony (ie, habitat, nesting substrate).

CWB Datasheet – GUTE

Colony ID: _____

Date: _____

GULL, TERN, AND SHOREBIRD NEST DATA: collect more detailed data on nesting stage

<u>GUTE Nest Stage</u>		
Adults only:	0	Prenesting stage, birds at or near colony showing courtship, mating, nest-building.
Eggs in nest:	1	Egg laying or incubation, adult on nest for long periods standing to turn eggs. Number of eggs will almost always be “unknown”, but numbers of nests at stage 1 can be estimated from adult behavior.
Chicks present:	2	Downy chicks in nest or colony, watch for feeding or adults standing
	3	Larger, at least partially feathered chicks, adults near
	4	Fledging young, fully feathered chicks in colony

Species Code	Stage 0 (count # adults)	Stage 1 (count # nests)	Stage 2 (count # chicks)	Stage 3 (count # chicks)	Stage 4 (count # chicks)	Comments

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