



GET YOUR
STARTER
PACK
TODAY



Song Thrush
nest and eggs



The Nest Record Scheme

Recording nests for the BTO

Get involved...

The success of the Nest Record Scheme is dependent on the efforts of volunteers such as yourself. If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch with us and we will send you a NRS Starter Pack containing all the information you need to monitor your first nest.

Why not take part in the NRS this breeding season and make your contribution to bird conservation in the UK?

Contact:
NRS Organiser
BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2PU
Tel: 01842 750050
Web: www.bto.org/nrs
Email: nrs@bto.org

If you sign up for the survey, your contact information will be kept on a database at BTO, to be used solely for the administration of BTO surveys.

Visit the Nest Record Scheme website
www.bto.org/nrs

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Following the progress of a Dunnock nest

Why monitor nests?

Nest recording is an exciting and accessible way to learn more about the birds around us. Following the progress of the developing eggs and chicks gives a fascinating insight into the challenges facing parents and their offspring, while also providing vital information for conservationists.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers submit observations of nests that they have found to the BTO's Nest Record Scheme. Their data are used to assess the impacts that changes in the environment, such as habitat loss and global warming, have on the number of fledglings that birds can rear.

Are populations declining because they are producing fewer young birds? You can help us to find out.

View the latest NRS results at www.bto.org/birdtrends



How you can help

The Nest Record Scheme is a survey that everyone can take part in.

- Any species breeding anywhere in the UK can be monitored for the Nest Record Scheme – even the Blackbird nesting in your garden hedge and the Blue Tit in your nestbox are sitting on valuable data!
- Taking part is simple – the most important information to record is the date and the number of eggs or chicks in the nest at each visit.
- All the information you need to get started is provided in our free QuickStart Guide, which also tells you how to submit your records.



Bird welfare and the law

Evidence from scientific studies has shown that monitoring nests will not affect their success as long as care is taken by the observer and the guidelines in the Nest Recorder's Code of Conduct are followed at all times.

Nest Recorder's Code of Conduct
www.bto.org/nrs/code

No licence is required to approach the nest of most British bird species, but eggs and nestlings can only legally be handled by licensed bird ringers with the appropriate permit endorsements. For birds listed on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, a nest recording licence must be obtained before visiting the nest. For more details contact the NRS Organiser.

