

## Nest Quest Terms & Conditions

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.** These terms and conditions set out the rules governing the nest recording competition, organised by BTO Youth (Nest Quest).
- 1.2.** No other terms and conditions apply and these terms will prevail in the event of any conflict or inconsistency with any other communications about Nest Quest, including advertising or promotional materials whether issued by the British Trust for Ornithology or anyone else.
- 1.3.** British Trust for Ornithology ("BTO", "we" or "us") is registered in England and Wales under charity number 216652 and in Scotland under charity number SC039193. Our address is the Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2PU.
- 1.4.** You can contact us at [youth@bto.org](mailto:youth@bto.org) or on +44(0)1842 750050.

### 2. ENTERING THE COMPETITION

- 2.1.** Nest Quest is open to people living in the UK under the age of 26. Participants older than 25 may participate as part of a team, providing at least one of the participants is under 26.
- 2.2.** To enter Nest Quest, participants (or parents or guardians of participants under 18 years old) must sign up to the [Nest Record Scheme](#) and submit an [entry form](#).
- 2.3.** Participants can enter Nest Quest by completing and submitting the entry form only.
- 2.4.** Teams need to comprise at least three participants for safeguarding purposes.
- 2.5.** There is no maximum team size.
- 2.6.** When submitting the entry form, (parents or guardians of) team members must provide all the team members' first names and ages at the time of submission.
- 2.7.** Teams may only submit one entry form.
- 2.8.** All nest records must be entered onto DemOn (Demography Online). Only one person per team should submit data to DemOn.
- 2.9.** Only one submission form per team is needed, but all team members' information needs to be included.

### 3. COMPETITION CONDITIONS

- 3.1.** Nest Quest takes place from 00:00 on the 6th March 2026 to 23:59 on the 30th September 2026. All nests records submitted must fall within this time period.
- 3.2.** All nest recording must adhere to the [Nest Record Scheme Code of Conduct](#).
- 3.3.** The competition relies on trusting participants to honestly record only the nests they observe, but the BTO reserve the right to query any rare or unseasonal records.
- 3.4.** Participants (or the parents or guardians of participants under 18) are responsible for their health and safety, and should not put themselves in a position that could place them, or others, in danger. Participants should not take part in the competition if they have

concerns about their own or others' health and safety. If they have any such concerns, they should stop your race immediately.

**3.5.** Participants should review the [BTO Guidance for Volunteer Fieldworkers](#) before starting the competition.

#### **4. SUBMITTING RECORDS**

**4.1.** Nest records must be downloaded from DemOn and inputted into the competition spreadsheet.

**4.2.** Participants must complete the [submission form](#) (including their competition spreadsheet) by 23:59 on the 31st of October 2026.

#### **5. PRIZES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1.** Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

**5.1.1.** Highest overall score

**5.1.2.** Greatest number of species recorded

**5.1.3.** Most unusual nest (i.e. a species nesting somewhere unexpected)

**5.1.4.** The best urban nest record

**5.2.** The prize winners will be emailed by 13th November 2026 and announced on social media in the week commencing 23rd November 2026.

**5.3.** The participants will be required to share a postal address to send the prizes to by 27th October 2026 to claim their prizes.

**5.4.** All prizes will be sent to one address, rather than to individual team members in the event of a team win.

**5.5.** Prizes are non-negotiable and non-transferable. The BTO will not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of a winner's enjoyment of the prize.

**5.6.** BTO is not responsible for contacting or forwarding prizes to entrants who provide unclear or incomplete information or for entries lost, misdirected, delayed or destroyed.

**5.7.** All reasonable endeavours will be made to send the prizes to the winners during the two weeks following the receipt of a postal address.

**5.8.** The prizes are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for an alternative prize, product or cash.

**5.9.** The decisions on the winning participants are final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

#### **6. OUR USE OF SUBMISSIONS**

**6.1.** The winning participants will be published in the next BTO Youth E-newsletter and will be published on Bluesky (@btobirds.bsky.social) and Instagram (@btobirds), and on our website (www.bto.org)

**6.2.** When (the parents or guardians of) participants submit a submission form and tick the consent for media use box, they grant BTO: 1) A royalty-free, irrevocable,

non-exclusive, worldwide transferable licence to use, reproduce, publish, distribute and display the entry (in whole or in part) on our website, social media or in any promotional literature we may produce from time to time; and 2) The right to use the participants' first name(s) for the sole purpose of identifying the participant(s) as the creator of the submission.

**6.3.** We may use, reproduce, publish, distribute or display any entry, regardless of whether it was the winning entry if consent was given in the submission form.

## **7. GETTING CONSENT FROM AN ADULT**

**7.1.** The sections below (7.2 to 7.4) only apply if any participant is under 18 years old at the time of entry.

**7.2.** Sending in an entry form means that participants and their parents or guardians accept these Terms and Conditions, and the rules of Nest Quest.

**7.3.** BTO will confirm consent of the parent or guardian of the participant(s) to publish anything related to Nest Quest in which the person under 18 is identifiable.

**7.4.** BTO takes no responsibility for the safeguarding of the participants whilst taking part in Nest Quest. All team members of teams that include a team member under 18 years old should read and abide by [BTO's Safeguarding Policy](#).

## **8. YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

**8.1.** Your privacy and personal information are important to us. Any personal information that you provide to us will be dealt with in line with our [Privacy Policy](#), which explains what personal information we collect from you, how and why we collect, store, use and share such information, your rights in relation to your personal information and how to contact us and supervisory authorities if you have a query or complaint about the use of your personal information.

## **9. GENERAL**

**9.1.** BTO's decision in respect of all matters relating to Nest Quest will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

**9.2.** It is your responsibility to advise us of any changes to your contact information.

**9.3.** BTO reserves the right to modify, cancel, terminate or suspend Nest Quest, and these terms and conditions, in whole or in part at any time at our sole discretion.

**9.4.** Time is not of the essence in relation to the performance of any obligations under these terms and conditions. We will use our reasonable endeavours to meet all performance timeframes specified in these terms and conditions, but any such dates are approximate only.

**9.5.** Our liability to you:

**9.5.1.** Nothing in these terms and conditions will limit our liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence or for fraud.

**9.5.2.** We will not be liable to you for:

**9.5.2.1.** Loss or damage incurred by you in connection with your use of the prize

**9.5.2.2.** Any interruptions or errors on or to our IT systems

**9.5.2.3.** Any failure or delay beyond our reasonable control.

**9.6.** Governing law and jurisdiction. These terms and conditions will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.