



Brood patch codes

The brood patch codes are:

- 0 Absent.
- 1 Starting.
- 2 Well defined. Breast muscle and gut still visible through the skin.
- 3 Veined and red. The skin of the belly is opaque, thickened or engorged, veined and red with broad, undulating wrinkles.
- 4 Wrinkled. The skin of belly has thin wrinkles, engorgement of the skin has gone, but the skin is still stretched, and the breast muscle and gut are visible again through the skin. Going over.
- 5 Feathering over.
- P Present.



Brood Patch 1 (Chris Redfern). Not completely defeathered.



Brood Patch 2 (Graham Austin). Patch defeathered and well defined.



Brood Patch 3 (Jez Blackburn). Patch thickened and fully engorged.



Brood Patch 3 (Graham Austin). Early stage, partially engorged.



Brood Patch 4 (Graham Austin). Engorgement gone but still wrinkled.



Brood Patch 5 (Graham Austin). Early stages of feathering over.