

Cornell NestWatch Bulk Upload Template

Last year NestWatch provided a Bulk Upload Template (spreadsheet) to enable uploading of large amounts of data. Five years' worth of CBRP data (2006-2011) were uploaded using this tool. I can not over emphasize the value of the data you collect for scientific research but unless you enter your data it will not be useful for that purpose.

There are now two ways to provide end-of-season nesting results to NestWatch: (1) Interactive Website and (2) the Bulk Upload Template. I want to encourage all of the CBRP monitors to upload their data to NestWatch and continue to enter a summary into the CBRP data collection spreadsheet on Google Drive. The difference is that NestWatch collects box-by-box data including dates of first egg, hatch and fledge for each box as well as a great deal of optional information. CBRP collects cumulative data by species and so there is much less data to enter. Data entered into NestWatch becomes part of a national, permanent database and is important in that the data can be used for scientific research.

The purpose of this document is to assist in entering data into NestWatch. Note that the terms 'data' and 'field' are used interchangeably in this document.

Interactive Web Site:

Link to <http://nestwatch.org/> and familiarize yourself with the many features. Click on the "Your Data" tab to access and/or create your account. Enter your User Name and Password if you already have an account or click on "Create an Account" and then enter the required information. Once your account is created follow the instructions to add new nest sites, manage archived nests and/or manage your groups (trails). You can record each visit or just the year-end results. Follow the instructions on this web page.

The Bulk Upload Tool, an Excel spreadsheet, and documentation can be downloaded from Google Drive at the following links:

Documentation:

[Documentation for the NestWatch Bulk Upload Template](#)

Bulk Upload Template (Spreadsheet):

[NestWatch Bulk Upload Template](#)

Instructions/Data Definitions:

It is not necessary to enter 100% of the 'required' fields for each nextbox (it is OK to take a vacation!), but if you enter significantly less, the data for such nestboxes will be rejected. 'Required' fields are indicated in red in row 1 of the template and textually in row 3. Fields flagged as 'Important' in row 3 are needed for scientific research – provide these data if at all possible but the nestbox will not be rejected even if many of the fields are left empty. Fields indicated as "Optional" are potentially useful for research; provide these if

available.

The Bulk Upload Template contains two sheets: Instructions and Breeding Data. Please review the instructions prior to entering your end-of-season data into the Breeding Data sheet. Contact me if you have any questions. After entering and reviewing your data send the template to me and I will forward it to NestWatch for uploading into your account. If you have an existing eBird, NestWatch or FeederWatch account let me know the account name (I do not need the password). Otherwise I will create a new NestWatch account for you – send me your desired account name and password if you have a preference (you can change the password at any time).