

Barnfield Bird Box Survey 2018

1) Survey carried out November 8th. 15th. and 22nd.

Thanks to Peter Rock, Glen Sibley, David Dunn and Bob Short for their help with the exercise.

2) Results

We were able to check 62 boxes. Of these 44 had nests – giving an occupancy rate of around 72%. A fallen box was recovered and – when checked at home – also had a nest.

No access boxes were excluded from analysis.

Eleven “numbers” were not found.

2017 was the first year when we put hay into the nests once checked and emptied, and it is possible that this encouraged nesting. On the other hand the high rate of occupancy (which from memory is the highest we have logged) could be normal variation. We will see what is recorded in 2019!

The tree tags we fitted in 2016 have taken a bit of a hit. Quite a number have been deformed by the growth of the tree to which they are nailed, and were difficult to read.

Woodpeckers have been active on boxes lacking entry guards, and we retro – fitted several acrylic shields.

3) Detailed Results

Number	Comments	Number	Comments
1	Nest	35	Not found
2	Nest	36	Nest
3	Nest	37	Empty
4	Nest	38	Not found
5	Nest	39	Nest
6	Nest	40	Nest
7	Nest	41	Nest
8	Nest	42	Not found
9	Empty – open front	43	Nest
10	Nest	44	Empty
11	Empty	45	Nest
12	Nest	46	Nest
13	Nest	47	No access – too high
14	Nest	48	Partial nest
15	Nest	49	Not found
16	Nest	50	Not found
17	Fallen and recovered - Nest	51	Not found
18	Empty – open front	52	Nest

19	Nest	53	Missing – replacement installed
20	Nest	54	Not found
21	Nest	55	Not found
22	Nest	56	Empty
23	Nest	57	Nest
24	Nest	58	Nest
25	Nest	59	Nest
26	Empty	60	Nest
27	Nest	61	Missing – found on later working party
28	Empty – woodpeckered – new front fitted	62	Empty – white box – woodpecker damage - replaced
29	Not found	63	Empty – white box – woodpecker damage - replaced
30	Nest	64	Nest
31	Empty – guard fitted	6?	Nest
32	Not found	79	New Box installed by Rob Cook bench
33	Not found	65	Nest
34	No access – too high	66	Nest
		67	Nest
69	Nest –on D & H Mullett land!	68	Empty – dangerous location

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