

## **Barnfield Sandbeds Nest Box Survey November 2019**

### **1) General**

Survey carried out November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> 2019. Thanks to Mike Woodall (days 1 and 2), Glen Sibley (days 1 and 3) and Bob Short (days 1,2 and 3) for their help.

### **2) Summary**

- 61 boxes were checked (including two recovered and opened off site).
- 41 had full nests.
- Occupancy rate was 67.2% (in 2018 the rate was 72%).
- Several boxes (including three previously accessed from Sands Field) were not checked due to difficult / dangerous access.
- A large number of tree tags were obscured due to growth of tree trunks – learning point here is to leave space between the tag and the tree itself.
- As in previous years we were unable to find some boxes – as indicated by gaps in the numerical sequence.
- Four damaged boxes and one box lost due to tree felling were replaced.
- New hay was placed in all boxes.
- One recovered box can be repaired.
- One area south west of the pond has capacity for additional boxes.
- On some sites the telescopic ladder needs to be secured by a rope or strap for additional stability.

### **3) Individual Detail**

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Occupancy</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Nest	RSPB Box
2	Nest	
3	Nest	
4	Nest	
5	Nest	
6	Nest	
7	Nest	
8		Not Found
9	Empty	RSPB Open Front
10	Nest	
11		Not Found
12	Empty	
13		Not Found
14	Nest	Damaged and Replaced

72	N/A	New Box North end Orams lane
17	Nest	
18	Empty	Open Front Box
19	Nest	
20	Nest	
21	Nest	
22	Nest	
23	Nest	
?		Top of overgrown bank – no access
27	Nest	
28	Nest	Difficult Access
16	Nest	
68	Empty	
31	Empty	Woodpecker Damage - Replaced
32	Nest	
67	Nest	
?	N/A	Back of Sands Bench – too high
65	Nest	
66	Nest	
36	Empty	Damaged - replaced
31	Nest	
39	Nest	Three eggs
40	Nest	
69	Empty	Mullett's Garden!
38	Nest	
41	Empty	Very wet – some nesting material
43	Nest	
44	Empty	Some nest material
45	Nest	
46	Nest	
48	Nest	
49	Nest	
50	N/A	Tree Tag only/ rear of frog bench
52	Nest	
53	Nest	
56	Empty	
57	Nest	
58	Nest	
59	Nest	
71	Nest	
63	Nest	
64	Nest	
69	Nest	Recovered – nest present - replaced
35	Nest	

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