

Breeding Evidence Codes

Observed

- X Species observed in its breeding season with no evidence of breeding

Possible

- H Species observed in its breeding season in suitable nesting habitat
- S Singing male present or breeding calls heard in breeding season in suitable nesting habitat

Probable

- P Pair observed in their breeding season in suitable nesting habitat
- T Permanent territory presumed through registration of territorial song on at least 2 days, one week or more apart at the same place
- D Courtship or display between a male and female or 2 males including courtship feeding and copulation
- V Visiting probable nest site
- A Agitated behaviour or anxiety calls of an adult
- B Brood patch on adult female or cloacal protuberance on adult male
- N Nest building or excavation of nest site

Confirmed

- DD Distraction display or injury feigning
- NU Used nest or egg shell found (occupied/laid this season)
- FY Recently fledged young or downy young
- AE Adults leaving or entering nest site in circumstances indicating occupied nest
- FS Adult carrying faecal sac
- CF Adult carrying food for young
- NE Nest containing eggs
- NY Nest with young seen or heard

Source: Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas: Guide for Participants (2001)