

Breeding Bird & Nest Check Form

You will need barrier tape or a spray can to mark up exclusion zone

Observer name		Location		
ELR mileage start		Date	dd/mm/yy	
ELR mileage end		Time started	hh:mm	
Direction		Time finished	hh:mm	
Weather conditions (this will affect the activity of any birds present)	Cloud	Rain	Wind	Visibility
	 Clear - 1 Cloudy - 2 Overcast - 3	 None - 1 Drizzle - 2 Showers - 3	 Calm - 1 Light - 2 Breezy - 3	 Good - 1 Moderate - 2 Poor - 3

The boxes below can be used to record any birds or nests seen in the proposed work site, plus any exclusion zones created. If safe to do so, check whilst walking through the actual vegetation to be cleared (facing traffic). Birds = X; Nests = (N); Observation = ●; Exclusion zones =

←Track Fence→

No exclusion zone within 5 metres of nearest rail

Start

Comments

Length of area:.....

←Track Fence→

No exclusion zone within 5 metres of nearest rail

Comments

Length of area:.....


Actions
Nests (with or without birds); mark up exclusion zone around nest the size of two double beds and extend zone to include adjacent habitat [this may be to the fence-line] – use barrier tape / spray paint to suit visibility requirements

Guidance Notes

When to check

- Dawn to 08:00
- Ideally on first day at work site (but up to 1 week prior to the planned work)
 - **NB: for emergency, safety critical work undertake check immediately prior to operations**
- Good weather only (not in wet, cold conditions)
- Check before:
 - Tree work
 - Shrub / scrub work
 - Ditch maintenance
 - Rock-face cleaning
 - Construction / ground disturbance

Recording birds

- Walk slowly – 2 minute walk then stop for 10 minutes to observe
 - Repeat for length of work site
- Mark on plan all locations where observation took place (●)
- Take 1 hour to complete the check for every 220 yards
- Check 10 metres beyond extent of planned vegetation work
- Record every bird seen & heard within the proposed work site with a **X**
- Record every suspected nest/nest site within the proposed work site with this symbol (Ⓝ)
 - Photograph any likely evidence
- Mark exclusion zones on check form with a solid line ()
 - Extend zone to include adjacent 'cover' or to the fence
 - Photograph marked exclusion zone(s)

Records

- Be aware, records may be subject to external scrutiny
- If no checks are undertaken, demonstration of compliance with legislation could be challenged

Examples

