

## How to Enter NestWatch Data on your Computer

- Go to <https://nestwatch.org/>
- Sign in (upper right corner)  
**Username: bbmonitor**  
**New Password: 4easternbluebirds**
- Click on **My Data**
- Beneath the map, click on your Group Name (below Filter Sites by Groups)
- Your nestboxes should be red dots on the map and any open nesting attempt will be listed on right side of the page.
- To start New Attempt, click on red dot with name of box (hover mouse over dot to get name). Then click **Add Attempt**.
- If attempt already started, find nestbox info on right side of page and click on **Edit Nest Attempt**.
- Top box is summary of the nestbox – location and previous and current status
- Lower box is a table where you enter info about your latest nestbox **visit**
- In upper left corner is a box to select **Species**. Leave **blank** until you see an **egg in the nest**. When egg present, start typing name of species. Select correct species from dropdown list presented.
- Enter all info requested in the columns – date, # eggs, # live young, etc. Be sure you took notes in field so you can answer these questions, especially regarding status of adults.
- With Tree Swallows and House Wrens, it is often hard to determine number of eggs and babies. Enter “u” (lowercase) if unknown. This still gives Cornell important information about the species.
- Skip the cowbird columns. They can’t get in our boxes.
- **Notes** are most helpful. Like: TS in area, or BB checking out box, eggs hatching or babies look 3-4 days old. Since you are not to enter a species name until an egg is laid, please put name of the species building the nest in the note column.
- After row complete, click **Back to Your Data** to add more nestbox visits to a different nestbox. Or close program. Data is automatically saved.

### How and when to Close a Nest Attempt

- Close a nest attempt when eggs disappeared or determined sterile or abandoned, or when babies fledged or found dead or missing.
- Click **Summarize this Nesting Attempt** at bottom of data table.
- Answer all the questions you can. It is required to at least answer the **Nest Fate** question.
- Feel free to leave all other questions blank if you don’t know. I will fill in all at end of year by analyzing the data you entered during your nest visits and my own banding data.
- Don’t worry about mistakes. I look at all entries after nesting season over and make corrections.