

New Phenophases

Active Individual:

One or more individuals are seen moving about or at rest. Includes numbers of any nestlings, young and fledglings.

Feeding:

One or more individuals are seen feeding or foraging. If possible, record the name of the species or substance being eaten or describe it in the comments field.

Fruit/seed consumption:

One or more individuals are seen eating the fleshy fruits, seeds, or cones of a plant. If possible, record the name of the plant or describe it in the comments field.

Insect consumption:

One or more individuals are seen eating insects. If possible, record the name of the insect or describe it in the comments field.

Flower visitation:

One or more individuals are seen visiting flowers or flying from flower to flower. If possible, record the name of the plant or describe it in the comments field.

Nut gathering:

One or more individuals are seen taking acorns or other nuts from a plant or from on the ground. If possible, record the name of the plant or describe it in the comments field.

Call or song:

One or more individuals are heard calling or singing.

Singing individuals:

One or more individuals are heard singing. Singing refers to stereotypical, simple or elaborate vocalizations (most commonly by males) used as part of territorial proclamation or defense, or mate attraction. It does not include relatively simple calls used for other forms of communication.

Territorial individuals:

One or more individuals are seen or heard defending a territory. This may be indicated by calls or song used as part of a territorial proclamation, chasing of an individual of the same species from a breeding area (but do not confuse this with courtship behavior, which in some species may involve chasing), or calls or displays directed at individuals of the same or a different species to defend a feeding area.

Courtship:

A male and female are seen near one another and are engaged in courtship behavior. Do not include male displays in the absence of a female.

Mating:

A male and female are seen coupled in a mating position, usually with the male on top of the female.

Nest building:

One or more adults are seen constructing a nest or carrying nesting material.

Occupied nest:

One or more adults are seen sitting on a nest, entering or leaving a nest site under circumstances indicating its use for nesting (including nest defense behavior), or live eggs or nestlings are seen in a nest. **This should be a count of adults. If no adult is seen, just the nest, then count is one.**

Nestling (altricial only):

One or more young are seen or heard in a nest.

Downy young (precocial only):

One or more young are seen covered with fluffy down feathers and not yet any smooth contour feathers.

Partially-fledged young (precocial only):

One or more young are seen with a mix of fluffy down and smooth contour feathers, and often have an unkempt or ragged appearance.

Fledged Young:

For altricial birds: One or more young are seen recently departed from the nest. This includes young incapable of sustained flight and young which are still dependent on adults.

For precocial birds:

One or more young are seen covered with smooth contour feathers and no longer any fluffy, natal down feathers. This includes young incapable of sustained flight and young which are still dependent on adults.

Dead individuals:

One or more dead individuals are seen, including those found on roads. **Includes numbers of any dead nestlings or young.**

Dead nestlings or young:

One or more dead nestlings or young are seen, including those found on roads.

Individuals at a feeding station:

One or more individuals are seen visiting a feeder, feeding station, or food placed by a person.