

HERON COLONY SITE VISIT FORM (side 1)

Audubon Canyon Ranch – Cypress Grove Research Center

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EVERY VISIT.
DO NOT SUMMARIZE VISITS HERE.

Colony Site:	Date of visit (mo/day/year):
Observer(s):	
Start time:	End time:
Visibility of nests (glare, wind, rain, or other interference):	

Please use Species Codes:

GBHE (Great Blue Heron)	GREG (Great Egret)
SNEG (Snowy Egret)	BCNH (Black-crowned Night-Heron)
CAEG (Cattle Egret)	DCCO (Double-crested Cormorant)

COUNT ALL ACTIVE NESTS FOR EACH SPECIES.

Active nests include all focal nests and other occupied nests that meet the following criteria:

- Before April 1st, "Active nests" must have either two adults present or one adult carrying nest material or incubating.
- After April 1st, any occupied nest is ACTIVE.

For Black-crowned Night-Herons only, an active nest meets **at least one** of the following criteria:

- Two adults present on a single nest platform;
- A twig/stick presentation;
- Nest contents (eggs or chicks);
- A single adult on a well-constructed nest platform (sturdy enough to hold at least two eggs).

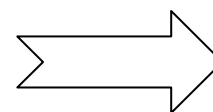
	GBHE	GREG	SNEG	BCNH	CAEG	DCCO*
ACTIVE NESTS (Focal plus <u>all</u> other)						
POSSIBLY ACTIVE (Before April 1 st only)						

*Count active nests only, individual nest data not required for this species.

NOTES: Please describe unusual behaviors, signs of disturbance, food scraps under nests, known feeding areas, etc.

Nest predatory species present within 100m of colony site	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-Tailed Hawk
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

PLEASE ENTER INDIVIDUAL NEST DATA ON THE OTHER SIDE.



At end of season, duplicate all field forms before sending data, season summary table and panoramic photos to: ACR's Cypress Grove Research Center - P.O. Box 808 Marshall, CA 94940; (415) 663-8203; cgrc@egret.org

HERON COLONY SITE VISIT FORM (side 2)

COLONY SITE: _____

DATE (mo/day/year): _____

Nesting

- 1 = egg laying, incubation, adult lying down for long periods, egg turning, defecation, nest relief
- 2 = hatching, small (downy) chicks, feeding low in the nest, watch carefully when adults move
- 3 = chicks (usually) standing, most/all down replaced by juvenal plumage, parent(s) continuously at nest
- 4 = adults not continuously at nest (may remain after feeding), chicks (usually) on nest platform
- 5 = young often off nest, record the number of chicks and duration of time they are off the nest

Check box if this is a Focal Nest

Check box if you are confident of the chick count

Nest #	Species code	(A)ctive (P)ossible (I)nactive	# Adults	Nest stage	# Chicks	Comments on nest activity: Nest location notes, displays, copulation, nest building, hatching, chick size, feedings, nest relief, nest failure, renests, disturbance type and result, change in species, etc.
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