

Barnfield Sandbeds Nest Box Survey and Cleaning February 14th. 2013

This was carried out by Julian Hayes and Philip Goodrich, and the results are shown below:-

Nest Box Identity	Status	Comments
2012/1	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit? Plus added egg
2012/3	Nest Started/ incomplete	
2012/2	Empty	
2012/4	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
2012/5	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
2012/6	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
2012/7	Empty	
2012/8	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
1	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
2	Nest Present	Tree creeper box – nest appears to be present but cannot open to clean
3	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
4	Two nests i.e. two years of occupancy	Species not known
5	Nest Present	Robin?
6	Nest Started/ incomplete	
7	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
8	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
9	Nest Present	Too high to access 14/2 / re – checked 21 st . February by Keith Ryding
10	No nest – evidence of winter roosting	
11	Nest Present	Species not known
12	Nest Present?	Box contained lots of soil – mice?
13	Nest Present	Species not known
14	Nest Started/ incomplete	
15	Nest Started/ incomplete	
16	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
17	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
18	Empty	
19	Nest Present	Blue tit/ great tit?
20	Empty	
21	No nest – evidence of winter roosting	

Summary:-

- ✚ 29 boxes were checked.
- ✚ Of these, 18 (62.0%) had firm evidence of a nest present and used.
- ✚ A further four ((13.8%) had material present but the nest had not been completed.
- ✚ A couple of the open fronted (robin) boxes have been used, but the removal of shielding ivy may have contributed to under occupancy.

Further Comments:-

- ✚ The numbering on most of the initial tranche has faded, and needs to be renewed.
- ✚ The map needs updating with 2012 and 2013 sites added.
- ✚ Several locations for additional boxes have been identified.

Summary of Boxes Installed 21st. February 2013.

- ✚ 2 open fronted 8cm aperture
- ✚ 3 with 35mm aperture
- ✚ 9 with 30mm aperture
- ✚ 1 RSPB box (2012 tranche) repaired and reinstated.
- ✚ “lifting lid” boxes secured against squirrel access.