

Nest Inspection Summary - Sample Form with Explanatory Notes											
Maryland Wood Duck Initiative						Wood Duck Program					
Inspection Dates											
		#	#			SUCCESS NEST				Unsuccessful (Failed Nests)	
Box	Nest	Eggs	ACTIVE	Egg		Eggs	Eggs	Dead	TOTAL	Nest	
#	Status	Laid	EGGS	Cover	Comments	Hatch	Unhatch	Duks	Unhatch	#EGGS	Comments
	A	B	C	D		E				F	
	Notes										
	A	H= HATCH		X = Failed or Unsuccessful		0 = NO activity					
	B	# whether Successful or unsuccessful, a total egg count									
	C	If still viable and the nest is active.									
	D	For active & unsuccessful nests, I note whether the eggs are down covered (D), no cover (NC) or covered w/ nest materail (NM)									
		If there is a little down I use (<D), this denotes the clutch is roughyl half way laid and the hen is beginning to vest in it.									
		This helps assess the likelihood of sucessess relative to clutch size if we need to make an estimate									
		Also, as I can't remember things, it helps when I go back for a final check so I can understand the final nest chronology from the prio check.									
	E	Success nests eggs, note hatched & unhatched. Tot Unhatched includes dead & unhatched.									
		Remember when counting membranes, if you have a dead duck, you need to assign one membrane to it so you do not over count									
	F	For failed nests, the # eggs involved and a reason if known									
In the Comment secitons, we record other nest users as well as maintenance needs, reminders.											
Generally, if the data quality is poor post hatch, it is always useful to note the observed level of broken shells, the presence or lack of down, whether the membranes are substantially deteriorated (rough edges mean insects have eaten them) the nature of primary or subsequent nest users and any other "different" or potentially noteworthy observation.											