

# Nest Camera Project Data Collection



Below is the minimum **we ask you to record** during each wader nesting attempt you monitor (whether you deploy a camera or not). For ethical and scientific reasons, it's essential to minimise disturbance when monitoring nests. See the **Working for Waders Nest Camera Set-up Guidance** and [BTO Wader Nest Monitoring Code of Conduct](#).

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## Finding a nest



1. **Location** (*10-digit grid reference or equivalent*)
2. Wader **species**
3. **Date** you found the nest
4. **Number of eggs** in nest when found

**Take photos of the nest cup and surrounding habitat when found!**

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## Camera deployment



- If you manage to deploy a camera at the nest:
5. **Date** of deployment
  6. **Number of eggs** in nest at deployment
  7. **Distance** of camera from nest (nearest metre)
- Take photos of the nest and camera set up during deployment!**

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## Final nest observations, and camera collection



**Take photos of the nest after outcome and any eggshells found!**

8. **Nest hatching outcome**  
(*Success, Failure, or Unknown*)
9. **Date of outcome** if known; if not known, record:
  - a. **Latest date/time you know the nest was active** from field, camera, or temperature logger observations
  - b. **Earliest date/time you know the nest was inactive** from field, camera, or temperature logger observations
11. **Evidence for outcome**  
(*Camera footage, field observations, and/or other*)
12. **Reason for failure** (if failure)  
(*Predation, farm operations, livestock trampling, human disturbance, other, or unknown*)
13. **Predator** (if any eggs predated)  
(*e.g., Badger, Carrion Crow, Fox, Sheep, Unknown...*)
14. **Photos:** ideally, provide at least 5 evidencing:
  - Bird sitting on the nest
  - Reported outcome
  - Nest cup when found
  - Nest cup after the outcome
  - Any eggshell fragments found after outcome

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## Data return

Please submit your nest information using the **Data Entry Form:** <https://forms.gle/vhCMUd1cU6C7j1No7> by the **30 September** (we can't guarantee submissions after this date will be included in any reporting). The form requires a Google account; if you don't have one, they are free and simple to set up, see: <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/27441?hl=en>). We also accept paper and excel spreadsheet returns; if you'd prefer those options, see the project webpage on the WfW website.

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