

Nest Quest Go!

By the numbers

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A year ago we announced in *NestWatch Digest* that we were working on digitizing, transcribing, and integrating into the NestWatch database more than 300,000 nest records from our North American Nest-Record Card collection.

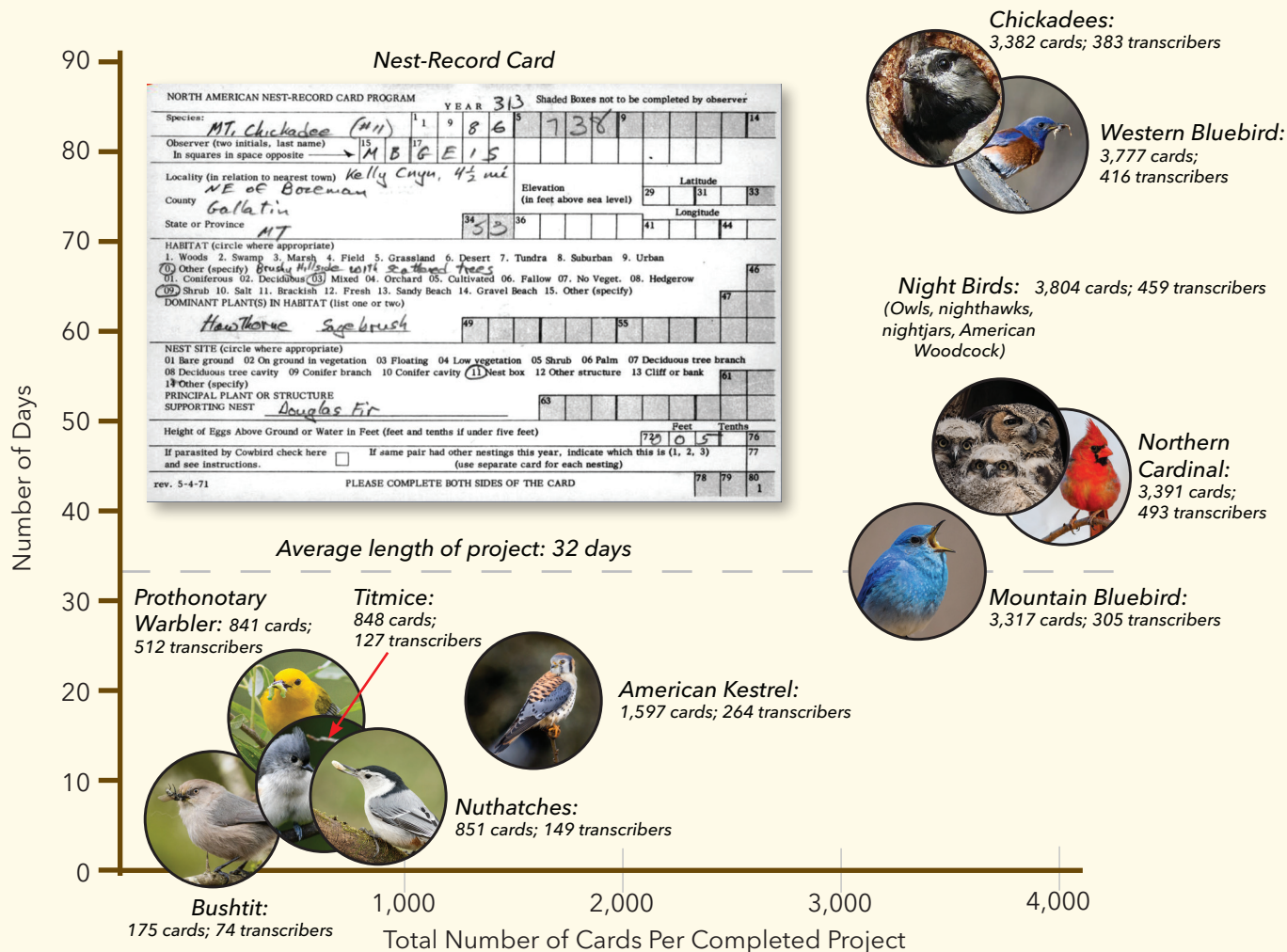
This endeavor, coined **Nest Quest Go!**, has been utilizing the power of the crowd in **Zooniverse** to make these data come to life. With the help of thousands of Zooniverse users, and a team of students and

volunteers, we are making incredible progress. Learn the latest news and consider joining us.

Completed Project Analysis

Below is a summary of the 10 projects we've completed in Zooniverse from July 22, 2019 to March 1, 2020 and the number of days it took to complete the projects. The average project completion rate dropped drastically in November when we changed the format of the questions, added more smartphone-friendly options, and tried to minimize the amount of time projects overlapped in Zooniverse. The projects went from an average of 50 days to just 32 days to complete!

Projects Completed by Nest Quest Go!, July 22, 2019–March 1, 2020



PHOTOS (BOTTOM LEFT TO TOP RIGHT): BUSHTIT BY MICHAEL PORTER/BIRDSHARE; WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH LINDA PETERSEN, GBBC; TUFTED TITMOUSE BY DEBORAH BIFULCO/BIRDSHARE; PROTHONOTARY WARBLER BY RONALD ZIGLER/BIRDSHARE; AMERICAN KESTREL BY BRIAN ROCKWELL/BIRDSHARE; MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD BY JOE CHOWANIEC/BIRDSHARE; GREAT HORNED OWL BY LARRY KELLER/BIRDSHARE; NORTHERN CARDINAL BY DEBORAH BIFULCO, GBBC; WESTERN BLUEBIRD BY RICK BRUMBLE/BIRDSHARE; MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE BY MIKE WISNICKI/BIRDSHARE. PHOTOS USED WITH PERMISSION.

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Once cards are scanned, we build projects so that Zooniverse users across the world can help us transcribe the card data. These projects have been well received, and we've already been able to complete 10 projects in less than a year. We are continuing to grow our volunteer participation in Zooniverse to shorten the time it takes to make these data available to researchers. Our goal is to upload the first completed projects into the NestWatch database in 2020. At the same time, we will continue to make more projects available for transcription in Zooniverse.

Transcription Progress

10 projects launched in Zooniverse

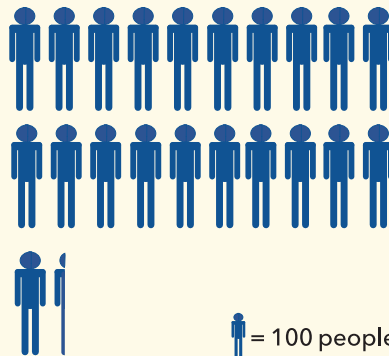


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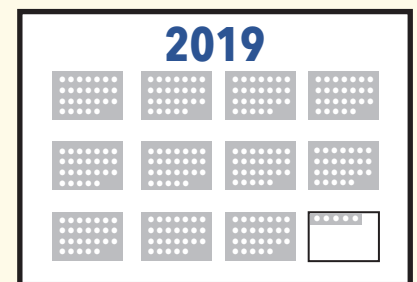
days of active projects

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2,158 people transcribed data



8,136 volunteer hours



That's more than 11 months of transcription!

With Gratitude



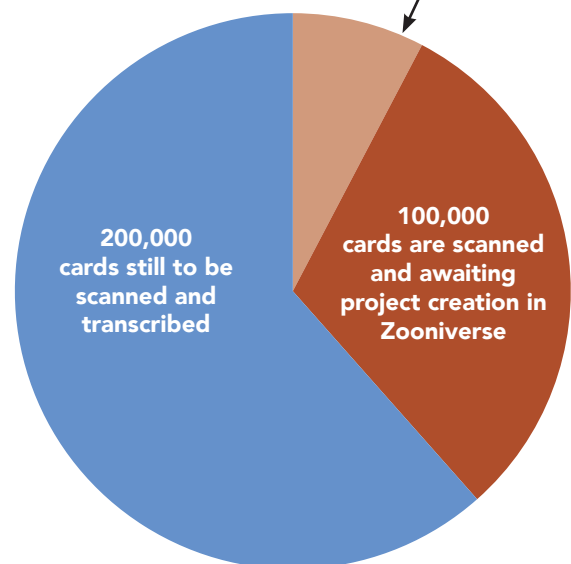
A few of our students (left) and volunteers (right) hard at work, sorting nest-record cards!

Before we can add nest-record cards to a project on Zooniverse, the physical cards must be sorted, organized, stamped, and scanned. This process moves faster with the help of a dedicated team here at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, which consists of hard-working students and volunteers. Special thanks go to: Beverly Stockard, Dawna Badie, Deb Fyler, Diana Hackett, Grace Ogden, Joy Pojim, Liz Chartier, Lynn Bertoia, Nick Thomas, Pamela R. Smith, Turner Wilson, and Rachael Ashdown.

We Need Your Help!

You can help too, by transcribing our scanned cards in Zooniverse. Visit bit.ly/NestQuestGo or download the Zooniverse app, and start transcribing today!

25,000 cards have been scanned and transcribed in Zooniverse



Help Transcribe Nest Cards