

# Nest Quest Go!

## By the numbers

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NestWatch's effort to digitize, transcribe, and integrate more than 300,000 historical nest records from the North American Nest Record Card collection continues! During the 2020 calendar year Nest Quest Go! completed 17 projects ranging in size from a few hundred cards to our largest project, American Robins, at 18,583 nest records.

Nest Quest Go! uses the Zooniverse platform to crowdsource nest record card transcription, and we organize these cards into individual "projects." What we discovered is that a range of 2,000 to 5,000 cards creates an ideal flow to this work, results in efficient project completion, and maintains steady transcriber

AMERICAN ROBIN BY ZACHARY GEORGE



engagement. This, combined with the appeal of multiple-species projects, has made for a fast-paced transcription year. We are humbled and grateful to each and every person who's helped with this endeavor. Your efforts have moved us closer to using valuable historical citizen-science data to better understand nesting bird populations in North America.

The graph below shows the total number of cards as well as the number of days, per 100 cards, that it took to complete transcription for each of the 17 projects.



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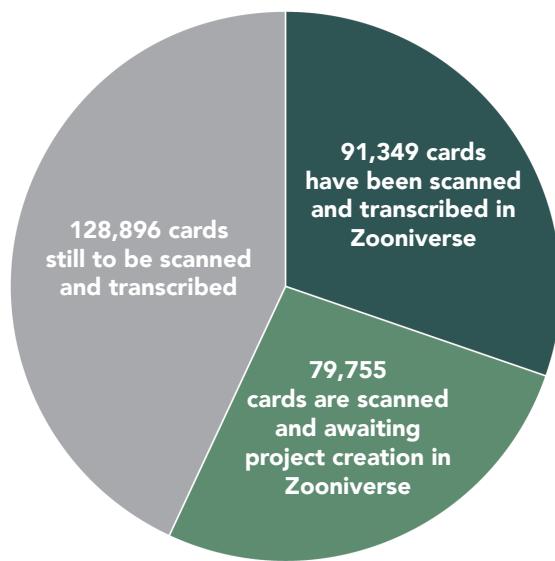
## Good Words

"I just wanted to express my gratitude for this project. I will admit that prior to this, I was not a dedicated bird enthusiast, however, working on this project has absolutely changed that! ...this project has taught me a lot and sparked a completely new interest, all just from transcribing these cards! The idea that someone like me, a common citizen, can contribute and make a difference in these projects astounds me. It is my new favorite hobby. Keep it up!"

-Katie W

## We Need Your Help!

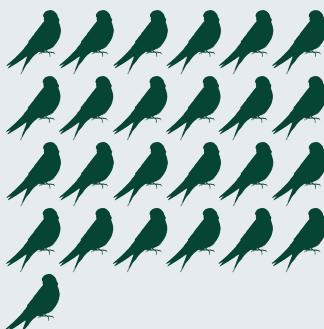
You can help too, by transcribing our scanned cards in Zooniverse (example bottom right). Visit the [Nest Quest Go! project](#) on Zooniverse or download the Zooniverse app, and start transcribing today!



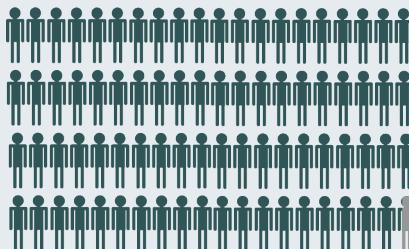
[Help Transcribe Nest Cards](#)

## Transcription Progress 2019 - 2020

25 projects launched in Zooniverse



7,927 people transcribed data



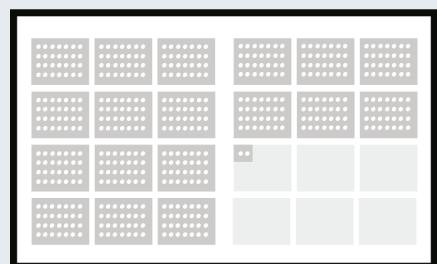
1 person = 100 people



548 days of active projects

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13,152 volunteer hours



That's equivalent to 18 months of effort!

## With Gratitude

Before we can add nest-record cards to a project on Zooniverse, the physical cards must be sorted, organized, stamped, and scanned. Special thanks goes to Cornell University students, Lab staff, and volunteers who've been involved in the Nest Quest Go! project in 2020: Beverly Stockard, Deb Fyler, Grace Ogden, Jewel Alston, Joy Pojim, Liz Chartier, Lynn Bertoia, Mary Winston, Nick Thomas, Pamela R. Smith, Rachael Ashdown, Sophia Mathews, and Turner Wilson.

NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORD CARD PROGRAM													
YEAR 313 Shaded Boxes not to be completed by observer													
Species:	MT. Chickadee	(M11)	1	9	8	6	5	7	3	8	9	14	
Observer (two initials, last name)	MB	G	E	I	S								
In squares in space opposite													
Locality (in relation to nearest town)	Kelly Canyon, 4½ mi NE of Bozeman												
County	Galatin												
State or Province	MT												
HABITAT (circle where appropriate)													
1 Woods 2 Swamp 3 Marsh 4 Field 5 Grassland 6 Desert 7 Tundra 8 Suburban 9 Urban													
10 Other (specify) <i>Bushy hillside with scattered trees</i>													
11 Coniferous 12 Deciduous 13 Mixed 14 Orchard 15 Cultivated 16 Fallow 17 No Veget. 18 Hedgerow													
19 Shrub 10. Salt 11. Brackish 12. Fresh 13. Sandy Beach 14. Gravel Beach 15. Other (specify) <i>Hawthorne Sagebrush</i>													
DOMINANT PLANTS (IN HABITAT) (list one or two)													
NEST SITE (circle where appropriate)													
01 Bare ground 02 On ground in vegetation 03 Floating 04 Low vegetation 05 Shrub 06 Palm 07 Deciduous tree branch													
08 Deciduous tree cavity 09 Conifer branch 10 Conifer cavity 11 Nest box 12 Other structure 13 Cliff or bank													
14 Other (specify) <i>nest</i>													
PRE-NEST PLANT OR STRUCTURE SUPPORTING NEST <i>Douglas Fir</i>													
Height of Eggs Above Ground or Water in Feet (feet and tenths if under five feet)													
Feet	Tenths												
72	0	5	76										
If parasitized by Cowbird check here <input type="checkbox"/>	If same pair had other nestings this year, indicate which this is (1, 2, 3) <i>77</i>												
and see instructions.													
(use separate card for each nesting)													
rev. 5-4-71	PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THE CARD												
	78	79	80										