

Nest Quest Go!

By the numbers

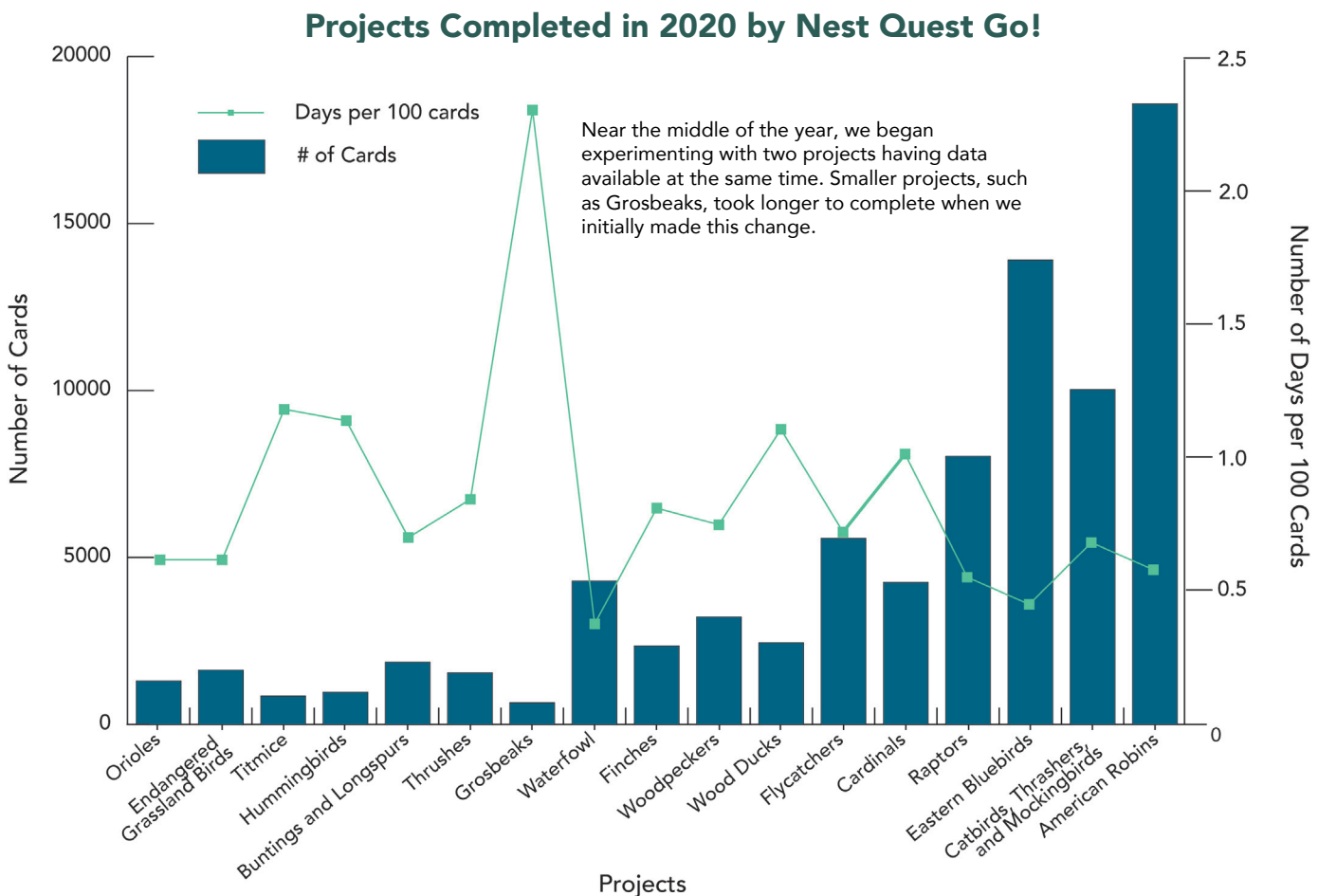
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NestWatch's effort to digitize, transcribe, and integrate more than 300,000 historical nest records from the North American Nest Record Card collection continues! During the 2020 calendar year Nest Quest Go! completed 17 projects ranging in size from 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

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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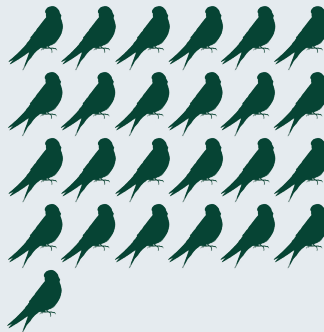
Good Words

"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!"

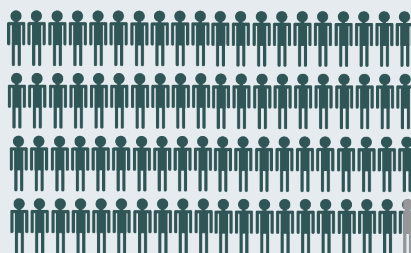
-Katie W

Transcription Progress 2019 - 2020

25 projects launched in Zooniverse



7,927 people transcribed data



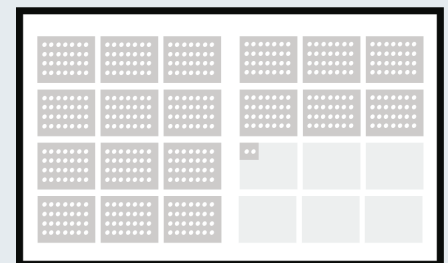
1 figure = 100 people



548 days of active projects



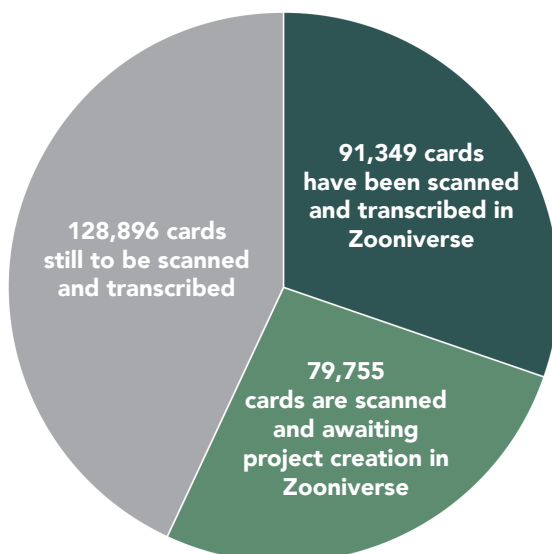
13,152 volunteer hours



That's equivalent to 18 months of effort!

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

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

Species: *MT. Chickadee (N1)* YEAR: 313 Shaded Boxes not to be completed by observer

Observer (two initials, last name): *MBGEIS*

Locality (in relation to nearest town): *Kelly Cnyn, 4 1/2 mi NE of Bozeman*

County: *Gallatin* Elevation (in feet above sea level): *3453*

State or Province: *MT* Latitude: *45* Longitude: *107*

HABITAT (circle where appropriate): *01* *02* *03* *04* *05* *06* *07* *08* *09* *10* *11* *12* *13* *14* *15*

DOMINANT PLANT(S) IN HABITAT (list one or two): *Hawthorne Sagebrush*

NEST SITE (circle where appropriate): *01* *02* *03* *04* *05* *06* *07* *08* *09* *10* *11* *12* *13* *14* *15*

PRINCIPAL PLANT OR STRUCTURE SUPPORTING NEST: *Douglas Fir*

Height of Eggs Above Ground or Water in Feet (feet and tenths if under five feet): *720* *0* *5* *76*

If parasitized by Cowbird check here ☐ If same pair had other nestings this year, indicate which this is (1, 2, 3) *77*

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