******Raptor Nest Activity Check Form (ground-based only)**

***THIS FORM IS FOR USE BETWEEN******MID-OCTOBER AND THE END OF DECEMBER ONLY.***

* Ground based nest activity checks are discouraged and can only be undertaken under exceptional circumstances following consultation with FPA.
* A maximum of two accredited people are to undertake the activity check. The wearing of hi-vis equipment during the check may result in raptors flushing the nest and leaving eggs, or chicks exposed.
* Ground checks must not to be conducted on days when the temperatures are extreme (<10°C or >30°C) or when it is raining.
* On days when there is suitable weather to undertake an activity check:
* Plan to conduct the inspection upslope of the nest to provide the best possibility of observing the nest surface and any associated nest contents.

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| ***Specialist Use Only***  **Activity Classification** | |
| **Active** |  |
| **Not in use** |  |
| **Requires Confirmation** |  |

* Only approach the nest as closely as you need to make the observations, but do not approach closer than 100 m of the nest site.
* No more than 20 minutes is to be spent between 100 m to 200m of a nest to assess if the nest is active and record observations.
* Noise during the conduct of the inspection must be kept to an absolute minimum, there should be no need for any significant noise, especially loud talking etc.
* If a bird is observed on the nest or in the immediate area, including circling overhead, leave the nest vicinity immediately (i.e. move at least 500 m away from the nest).

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| **Nest Number:** | | | | | **Date of check:** | | | |
| **Observer Name(s) and Contact Details:** | | | | | **Location Name:** | | | |
| **Environmental Variables**  Estimated Temperature: ……………..  Fine / Overcast / Showers (Please circle)  Notes: | | | | | **Grid Reference of Nest**  Easting ……………………………….……….. (6)  Northing ……………….……………………….. (7)  **Co-ordinates where you observed nest**  Easting ……………………………….……….. (6)  Northing ……………….……………………….. (7) | | | |
| **Time from leaving vehicle to observation point 200m from nest (hh:mm):**  **:** | |  | **Duration of observation of nest:** | | |  | **Time leaving observation point (hh:mm)**  **:** | |
| **Were any of these observed on the nest? (Each box MUST be marked Yes/No or Not Assessed)** | | | | | | | | |
| Green leaves |  | | | Nest partly/mostly bleached | | | |  |
| Fresh (brown) sticks |  | | | Nest condition (circle) poor average good excellent | | | | |
| White wash (droppings) |  | | | Prey remains | | | |  |
| Flat compressed nest top |  | | | Eagle nearby nest (note age if possible) | | | |  |
| Nest Bowl (concave nest platform) |  | | | Egg on nest | | | |  |
| Brown leaves on nest |  | | | Chick on nest | | | |  |
| Down on/around nest |  | | | Adult eagle in incubating position on nest | | | |  |
| **Nest Description: (Provide any further comments relating to what was observed):** | | | | | | | | |
| **Bird Activity Observed:** (Describe what was observed e.g. Two birds soaring over the nest, bird carrying sticks)  *Note: Be specific in your description. Comments such as “nest untidy” (common to all nests) provide little detail* | | | | | | | | |
| **Tick box if the nest has no vantage points or you believe nest cannot be accurately assessed.** | | | | | | | |  |

# Echo and Gunns Private Search ReportFlat Top Nest - Chris BondBS104D_Nest #1213.JPGAppendix 1. wte_a013Nest attributes to consider during nest condition assessments

**Nest with compressed flat top**

(Flat from chick moving on top from past year)

**Nest bowl**

(Dished surface. Evident by chick sitting low in nest)

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**Brown leaves and whitewash**

(Obvious addition of leaves and whitewash)

**Nest has no vantage point**

(This nest cannot be assessed accurately)



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**Nest partly or mostly bleached**

(No brown sticks, green leaching present)

**Recently added green leaves**

(Recent addition of leaves and some whitewash)