Nest Box Survey 2014

Ian Proctor and I examined, and emptied, all of the nest boxes in the Fairfield Nature Reserve on the 3rd of November. We have retained the original numbering for the Orchard boxes and established a numbering system with prefixes F (Fauna), P (Pony wood) and L (Little wood) for other boxes. The accompanying Excel spreadsheet lists our findings and gives grid locations for some of the less accessible locations.

In general, a significant proportion of the nest boxes in the Orchard, Fauna and Little Wood have been occupied (largely with garden birds), but it is notable that this is not the case in Pony wood. It is possible that these boxes were put up rather late and several of them had lids that did not close adequately. Catches will be fitted to these boxes.

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