

Quakers Coppice Nest Box Breeding Results - 2015

Over the 20+ years that the monitoring has taken place the 40+ boxes have been erected: -
 small hole (Tit boxes) 19 (16 supplied in '85 by CWT)
 large hole (Stock Dove boxes) 15 (the bulk erected in '91)
 chimney style (Owl boxes) 2
 wedge style (Treecreeper) 3

This season 38 boxes were monitored and the tables below are a summary of the data compiled. In keeping with tradition in this Newsletter, we offer the last five years data for comparison ...

Blue Tit

Year	Nests	Eggs	Hatched	Fledges	Productivity (i.e. fledges ÷ nests)
2015	10	82	77	51	5.1
2014	12	107	95	49	4.1
2013	13	122	99	85	6.5
2012	12	115	95	74	6.2
2011	15	131	110	73	4.9

average (since '85) 6.5

Great Tit

Year	Nests	Eggs	Hatched	Fledges	Productivity (i.e. fledges ÷ nests)
2015	8	44	36	24	3.0
2014	6	38	33	28	4.7
2013	8	47	44	34	4.3
2012	8	51	45	28	3.5
2011	5	40	35	21	4.2

average (since '85) 5.0

Stock Dove

Year	Nests	Eggs	Hatched	Fledges	Productivity (i.e. fledges ÷ nests)
2015	7	12	11	8	1.3
2014	9	17	13	13	1.4
2013	4	8	8	4	1.0
2012	5	13	5	4	0.8
2011	7	16	14	8	1.1

Stock Doves breeding season extends beyond our recording period, so the data is incomplete

Nuthatch – one of the small hole boxes was used by a pair of Nuthatches; all 9 eggs were successfully fledged. It's the fourth year in a row a box has been occupied by the species. Records show occupation in '05 & '10 as well. In '13 the pair lost one chick, apart from that, they have a 100% success rate – perhaps we need to add another table?

Observations: -

Occupancy - Small Hole – 19 of 21; Treecreeper – none; Stock Dove/Owl - 6 of 15 (1 box used twice)

NB – we would welcome help; if anyone is interested in joining us on the survey, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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