

## BIRDS AND BRIDGES

County \_\_\_\_\_

Several species breed under Iowa's bridges. Two, the Eastern Phoebe and the Cliff Swallow, nest almost nowhere else. As birdwatchers do not usually spend a lot of time under bridges, the populations of these species are not as well known as they might be.

Would you like to help in the understanding of Phoebe and other bridge birdpopulations? If so, check one bridge or many between May \_\_\_\_ and May \_\_\_\_.\* If you can check all the bridges in an area (even a very small area) we can estimate what percent Iowa's bridges house Phoebes. If you visit bridges in more than one county, please indicate which bridges are in which county. If possible, please enclose a county map with the bridge(s) you visited marked. This will allow us to eliminate the possibility of duplicate visits to one bridge. County maps are available from your county engineer in the county courthouse.

If you check bridges but never find a single bird, send in that information. It helps us learn where the birds are not.

A useful piece of equipment for checking high nests is a mirror attached to a stick. It is not necessary for checking bridges, but it helps.

If you find nests under bridges, please consider filling out Nest Report Cards, available from \*\* .

Please mail in the results to \*\*\* by June 1. The results will probably appear in the \*\*\*\* issue of Iowa Bird Life.

Woods nest

Cliff Swallow nest

Eastern Phoebe nest

Other bird

\* - wood, # - concrete, # - metal

\*\* - whoever. Dave Newhouse.

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\* early May if for Phoebes only. Late May if for Cliff Swallows.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you visiting all the bridges in an area? \_\_\_\_ on one road? \_\_\_\_  
Selected bridge(s)? \_\_\_\_

The Bridge

Made of: W, C, M

Horizontal surfaces?

Over water?

Low? High?

Embargoed?

Riparian woodland?

Phoebes

Adult seen?

Song heard?

Nest seen?

Eggs (how many)

Young (how many)

Cliff Swallow

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Adults seen

Intact nests, #

Robin nest

Barn Swallow nest

House Sparrow nest

other nest

W = wood, C = concrete, M = metal

Horizontal surfaces = any surface a Phoebe could nest on

Low = 8 feet or less from water.

Embargoed = no crossing the bridge allowed, or one lane bridge,

or very low weight limit; an indication the bridge may be replaced.

Riparian woodland = woods along the stream the bridge crosses.