

Part 3: Nest Veg Data

A. Instructions for entering PRBO nest vegetation data

Nest vegetation data is entered in three files, Nestveg1.dbf, Nestshr.dbf, and Nesttree.dbf.

Nest veg1 contains one record for each completed vegetation form. The fields are described below.

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
METTERRAD	Radius of veggie
YEAR	4 numbers for the year
STATE	2 characters for the state abbreviation
REGION	Up to 9 characters for region or county name
SITE	2 characters for specific site abbreviatino
NESTID	8 characters for identifying code for individual nest. Should match the code used for nest data entry
USE	T or F for use or non-use site
SLOPE	3 numbers for slope
ASPECT	3 numbers for aspect
CANOPYHT	Avg height of the top of the canopy within 11.3 m
SHRUBCOV	3 numbers for shrub cover % within plot
FORBCOV	3 numbers for forb cover % within plot
LOGS	3 numbers for percent of ground cover which is logs
LITTER	3 numbers for percent of ground cover which is litter
GROUND	3 numbers for percent of ground cober which is bare ground
WATER	3 numbers for percent of ground cover which is water
DENS1-4	Canopy cover measurements using a densiometer
D 1-4 LOW/HIGH	Measurement in cm of lowest and highest canopy levels within the densiometer reading
LITDEPTH1-10	2 numbers for litter depth at 10 points

Nestshr.dbf contains one record for each shrub species listed under “Number of Shrub or Sapling Stems...” on the PRBO Shrub Nest Vegetation Form. The fields are explained below.

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
METERRAD	Radius of veggie plot
YEAR	4 numbers for the year
NESTID	8 characters for identifying code for individual nest. Should match the code used for nest data entry
USE	T or F for use or non-use site
SHRUBSP	4 characters for each shrub species
AVGHTCM	Avg height in sampling circle of shrub species
HT LOW/HIGH CM	3 numbers for number lowest and heighest height of shrub species
STEMS	Count the numbers of stems at 10cm
COVER	Percent of total shrub cover of each species within sampling circle

Nesttree.dbf contains one record for each tree species listed under “Number of Trees...” On the PRBO Shrub Nest Vegetation Form. The fields are explained below.

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
YEAR	4 numbers for the year
NESTID	8 characters for identifying code for individual nest. Should match the code used for nest data entry
USE	T or F for use or non-use site
TREESP	4 characters for each tree species
DBH8to23	3 numbers for number of trunks of species listed in TREESP for DBH’s of 8-23 cm.
DBH23to38	3 numbers for number of trunks of species listed in TREESP for DBH’s of 23-38 cm.
DBHGR38	3 numbers for number of trunks of species listed in TREESP for DBH’s greater than 38 cm.
SNAGS	3 numbers for number of snags for the species listed in TREESP
STUMPS	3 numbers for number of stumps for the species listed in TREESP

Nestforb contains one record for each forb species. Fields are explained below:

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION
YEAR	4 numbers for the year
NESTID	8 characters for identifying code for individual nest. Should match the code used for nest data entry
USE	T or F for use or non-use site
FORBSP	4 characters for each forb species
AVGHTCM	Avg height in sampling circle of shrub species
HT LOW/HIGH CM	3 numbers for number lowest and heighest height of forb species
COVER	Percent of total shrub cover of each species within sampling circle