

I found a nesting turtle

Remain 2 car lengths away from the turtle, and do not shine any bright lights or make loud noises. Put up a pylon or sign warning drivers of the turtle on the road shoulder. Make sure pylon/sign is fully off the road.

Able to nest- sit turtle.

Unable to nest- sit turtle.

Call Turtle Guardians staff (705-854-2888) and inform them of species, your location, and where nest is in relation to road (on shoulder, outside of guard rail, in ditch).

Call Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) and they will dispatch staff or volunteer nest-sitters. Inform staff of species, your location and if nest is on road shoulder, outside of guard rail, or in a ditch.

As soon as turtle is done nesting physically mark nest by putting an item (eg. a glove) immediately on top of nest. Do not use anything like a stick/stake that would poke through the soil into the nest.

Take a photo of the turtle, and report coordinates, species, status, age, location and behaviour on data sheet/online reporting form/RepTailers App. D.6

If you are able, continue supervising turtle until staff or nest-sitters arrive.

If you cannot stay with the turtle, leave the warning sign and the staff or volunteers on their way will pick it up.

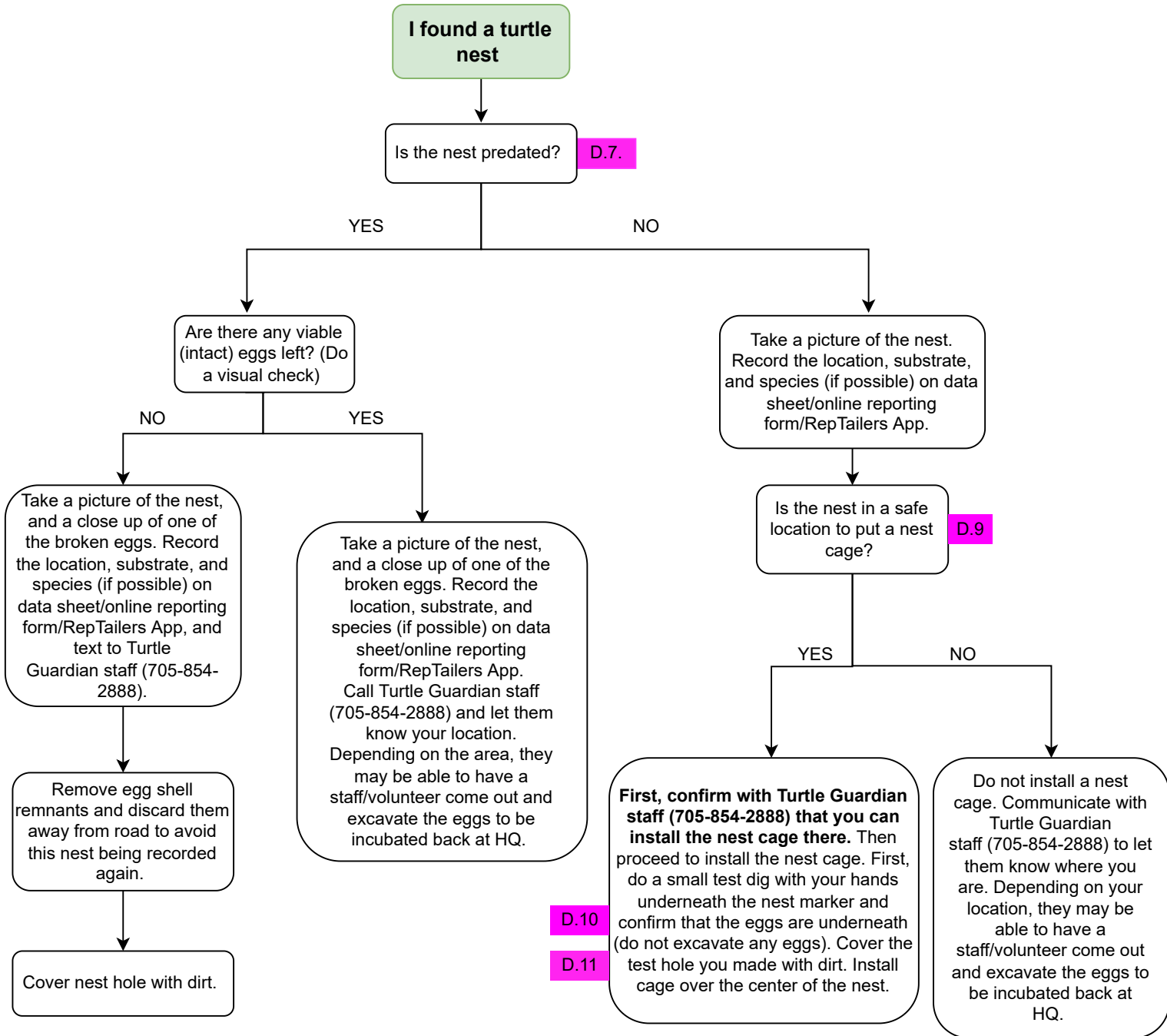
Observe turtle, if she starts to cross the road, capture her and help her cross the road. D.1, D.2, D.3

Is nest in a safe location to put a nest cage? D.9

First, confirm with Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) that you can install the nest cage there. Then proceed to install the nest cage. First, do a small test dig with your hands underneath the nest marker and confirm that the eggs are underneath the marker. Cover the test hole you made with dirt. Install cage using the marker as an indicator for where the center of the cage should be (but make sure to remove the marker before you fasten down the cage). D.10 D.11

Do not install a nest cage. Communicate with Turtle Guardians Staff (705-854-2888) to let them know where you are. Depending on your location, they may be able to have a staff/volunteer come out and excavate the eggs to be incubated at our HQ.





There is silt fencing at my site

Are the silt fencing joints intact, tight, and secure?

Are the wooden stakes used to hold in the silt fencing fabric erect and stable (not wobbly)? Is the fabric securely attached to each stake?

Are the tent pegs along the bottom of the fencing in place and not missing? (i.e. is the fabric secure along the ground?).

Is the silt fencing fabric in good condition with no rips or tears? Investigate to determine if the rip/tear might have been caused by a turtle (i.e. if you see turtle tracks), and keep an eye out for any turtles that may be stuck in/under silt fencing.

YES TO ALL

NO TO ANY

Check off each one in the inspection checklist.

Take coordinates, a photo of the issue(s), and any turtle signs, if present (tracks in the dirt, turtle stuck in fencing, etc.). Record the type of issue(s), description, and likely cause on data sheet/online reporting form.

YES

NO

Repair the fencing/resolve the issue and take another picture. Record the type of issue, description, likely cause, and what method you took to repair/resolve the issue. Check it off on the inspection checklist.

Text a picture and call Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888). Describe the issue and your location. They will inform you further, or have another volunteer/staff come out and repair the fencing.

Text 2 pictures (before and after repair) to Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) to describe the issue and how you repaired the fencing/resolved the issue. Make sure that if you removed a turtle, you also recorded a turtle sighting on your "Turtle Sighting Data" field sheet or section of the online reporting form.

