

# WATERWAYS BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

## FIELD RECORDING SHEET



**BTO**  
Looking out for birds



**JNCC**  
Joint Nature Conservation Committee



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PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Observer name		Obs. code (office use only)	
Nominal 1-km square reference (e.g. TL1234)	_____	County code (e.g. GBSY)	_____
Visit date (e.g. 09/05/12)	dd/mm/yy	Early or late visit (E/L)	_____
Weather codes (1, 2 or 3)	Cloud _____ Rain _____ Wind _____ Visibility _____	Start time (e.g. 07:18)	hh:mm
		Finish time	hh:mm

### Distance categories:

1. 0–25 metres from the transect line (i.e. line along middle of waterway)
2. 25–100 metres from the transect line
3. more than 100 metres from the transect line
- F. birds in flight only, at any distance (record on sheets using an arrow, e.g.  $\rightarrow$ BZ $\rightarrow$ )

- Record singing Skylarks in the distance category, not as in flight.
- Record breeding colonies that are visible from your route (Rooks, Sand Martins and gulls) and estimate the number of nests.
- For WBBS, the numbered sections are each 500 metres in length.

Each box below relates to one 500-metre transect section. Boxes are not drawn to scale.

3	2	1	2	3

3	2	1	2	3

START

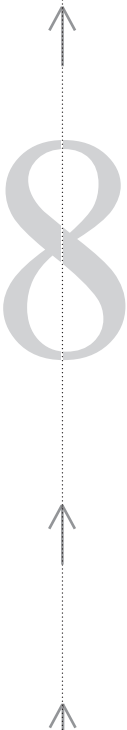
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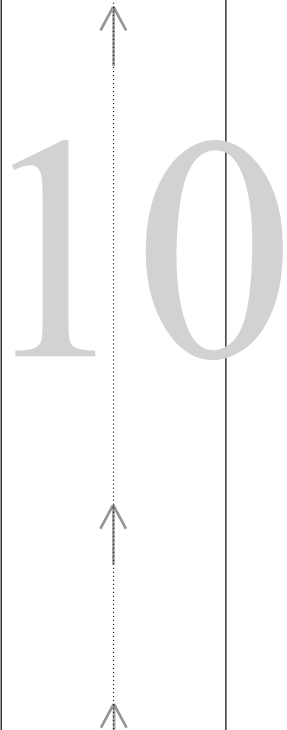
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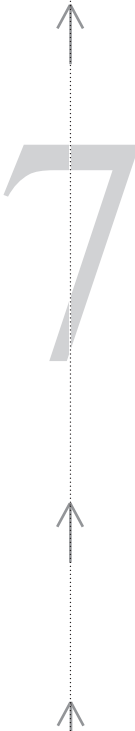
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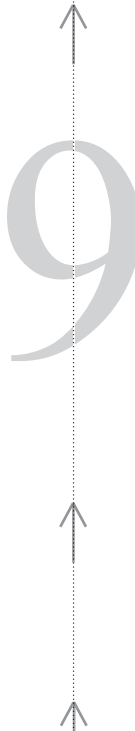
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Finish time : \_\_\_:\_\_\_:\_\_\_

100m	25m	25m	100m	
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100m	25m	END	25m	100m
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100m	25m	25m	100m	
3	2	1	2	3
				

100m	25m	25m	100m	
3	2	1	2	3
				

# BTO SPECIES CODES

Selected for WBBS from a larger list

AC	Arctic Skua	FC	Firecrest	LO	Little Owl	RY	Ruddy Duck
AE	Arctic Tern	F.	Fulmar	LP	Little Ringed Plover	RU	Ruff
AV	Avocet	GA	Gadwall	AF	Little Tern	SM	Sand Martin
BO	Barn Owl	GX	Gannet	LE	Long-eared Owl	SS	Sanderling
BY	Barnacle Goose	GW	Garden Warbler	LT	Long-tailed Tit	TE	Sandwich Tern
HD	Bar-headed Goose	GY	Garganey	MG	Maggpie	VI	Savi's Warbler
BA	Bar-tailed Godwit	GC	Goldcrest	MA	Mallard	SP	Scaup
BR	Bearded Tit	EA	Golden Eagle	MN	Mandarin Duck	CY	Scottish Crossbill
BS	Bewick's Swan	OL	Golden Oriole	MX	Manx Shearwater	SW	Sedge Warbler
BI	Bittern	GF	Golden Pheasant	MR	Marsh Harrier	NS	Serin
BK	Black Grouse	GP	Golden Plover	MT	Marsh Tit	SA	Shag
TY	Black Guillemot	GN	Goldeneye	MW	Marsh Warbler	SU	Shelduck
BX	Black Redstart	GO	Goldfinch	MP	Meadow Pipit	SX	Shorelark
AS	Black Swan	GD	Goosander	MU	Mediterranean Gull	SE	Short-eared Owl
BJ	Black Tern	GI	Goshawk	ML	Merlin	SV	Shoveler
B.	Blackbird	GH	Grasshopper Warbler	M.	Mistle Thrush	SK	Siskin
BC	Blackcap	GB	Great Black-backed Gull	MO	Montagu's Harrier	S.	Skylark
BH	Black-headed Gull	GG	Great Crested Grebe	MH	Moorhen	SZ	Slavonian Grebe
BN	Black-necked Grebe	ND	Great Northern Diver	MY	Muscovy Duck	SN	Snipe
BW	Black-tailed Godwit	NX	Great Skua	MS	Mute Swan	SB	Snow Bunting
BV	Black-throated Diver	GS	Great Spotted Woodpecker	N.	Nightingale	ST	Song Thrush
BT	Blue Tit	GT	Great Tit	NJ	Nightjar	SH	Sparrowhawk
BU	Bluethroat	GE	Green Sandpiper	NH	Nuthatch	AK	Spotted Crake
BL	Brambling	G.	Green Woodpecker	OP	Osprey	SF	Spotted Flycatcher
BG	Brent Goose	GR	Greenfinch	OC	Oystercatcher	DR	Spotted Redshank
BF	Bullfinch	GK	Greenshank	PX	Peafowl/Peacock	SG	Starling
BZ	Buzzard	H.	Grey Heron	PE	Peregrine	SD	Stock Dove
CG	Canada Goose	P.	Grey Partridge	PH	Pheasant	SC	Stonechat
CP	Capercaillie	GV	Grey Plover	PF	Pied Flycatcher	TN	Stone-curlew
C.	Carrion Crow	GL	Grey Wagtail	PW	Pied Wagtail	TM	Storm Petrel
CW	Cetti's Warbler	GJ	Greylag Goose	PG	Pink-footed Goose	SL	Swallow
CH	Chaffinch	ZI	Greylag x Canada Goose	PT	Pintail	SI	Swift
CC	Chiffchaff	GU	Guillemot	PO	Pochard	TO	Tawny Owl
CF	Chough	HF	Hawfinch	PM	Ptarmigan	T.	Teal
CL	Cirl Bunting	FW	Helmeted Guineafowl	PU	Puffin	TK	Temminck's Stint
CT	Coal Tit	HH	Hen Harrier	PS	Purple Sandpiper	TP	Tree Pipit
CD	Collared Dove	HG	Herring Gull	Q.	Quail	TS	Tree Sparrow
CM	Common Gull	HY	Hobby	RN	Raven	TC	Treecreeper
SQ	Common Rosefinch	HZ	Honey-buzzard	RA	Razorbill	TU	Tufted Duck
CS	Common Sandpiper	HC	Hooded Crow	RG	Red Grouse	TT	Turnstone
CX	Common Scoter	HP	Hoopoe	KT	Red Kite	TD	Turtle Dove
CN	Common Tern	HM	House Martin	ED	Red-backed Shrike	TW	Twite
CO	Coot	HS	House Sparrow	RM	Red-breasted Merganser	WA	Water Rail
CA	Cormorant	JD	Jackdaw	RQ	Red-crested Pochard	W.	Wheatear
CB	Corn Bunting	J.	Jay	FV	Red-footed Falcon	WM	Whimbrel
CE	Corncrake	K.	Kestrel	RL	Red-legged Partridge	WC	Whinchat
CI	Crested Tit	KF	Kingfisher	NK	Red-necked Phalarope	WG	White-fronted Goose
CR	Crossbill (Common)	KI	Kittiwake	RK	Redshank	WH	Whitethroat
CK	Cuckoo	KN	Knot	RT	Redstart	WS	Whooper Swan
CU	Curlew	LM	Lady Amherst's Pheasant	RH	Red-throated Diver	WN	Wigeon
DW	Dartford Warbler	LA	Lapland Bunting	RE	Redwing	WT	Willow Tit
DI	Dipper	L.	Lapwing	RB	Reed Bunting	WW	Willow Warbler
ZL	domestic-type goose	TL	Leach's Petrel	RW	Reed Warbler	OD	Wood Sandpiper
ZF	domestic-type Mallard	LB	Lesser Black-backed Gull	RZ	Ring Ouzel	WO	Wood Warbler
DO	Dotterel	LR	Lesser Redpoll	RP	Ringed Plover	WK	Woodcock
DN	Dunlin	LS	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	RI	Ring-necked Parakeet	WL	Woodlark
D.	Dunnock	LW	Lesser Whitethroat	R.	Robin	WP	Woodpigeon
EG	Egyptian Goose	LI	Linnet	DV	Rock Dove (see also FP)	WR	Wren
E.	Eider	ET	Little Egret	RC	Rock Pipit	WY	Wryneck
FP	Feral Pigeon	LG	Little Grebe	RO	Rook	YW	Yellow Wagtail
FF	Fieldfare	LU	Little Gull	RS	Roseate Tern	Y.	Yellowhammer

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