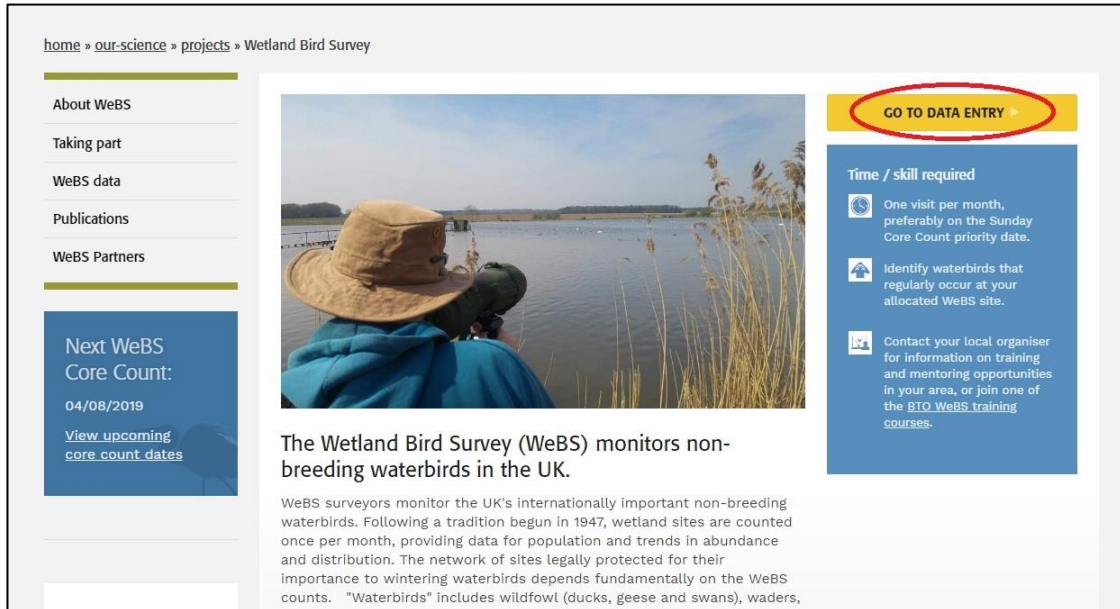


What's New on WeBS Online for Counters- A Brief Overview

Here is a brief overview of the main features on the new look WeBS online. For more detailed guidance on all the new functions, please see the updated **Guide to WeBS Online** (found [here](#)) or the online tutorial guidance videos on the BTO website [here](#).

- 1- To access WeBS online from the WeBS homepage, press '**Go to Data Entry**' on the right.



The screenshot shows the WeBS homepage with a navigation menu on the left, a central image of a person in a hat looking over a wetland, and a right-hand sidebar. The sidebar contains a yellow button labeled 'GO TO DATA ENTRY' and a blue box titled 'Time / skill required' with three bullet points: 'One visit per month, preferably on the Sunday Core Count priority date.', 'Identify waterbirds that regularly occur at your allocated WeBS site.', and 'Contact your local organiser for information on training and mentoring opportunities in your area, or join one of the BTO WeBS training courses.' Below the image, text reads: 'The Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) monitors non-breeding waterbirds in the UK. WeBS surveyors monitor the UK's internationally important non-breeding waterbirds. Following a tradition begun in 1947, wetland sites are counted once per month, providing data for population and trends in abundance and distribution. The network of sites legally protected for their importance to wintering waterbirds depends fundamentally on the WeBS counts. "Waterbirds" includes wildfowl (ducks, geese and swans), waders,

Figure 1: Accessing WeBS Online from the WeBS homepage online

- 2- You can see summaries of the species in your BTO WeBS region on the main page. Click play to see how the species numbers have changed over the year. Hover over a circle to see the species name and number. You can also choose any of the other regions from the region menu.

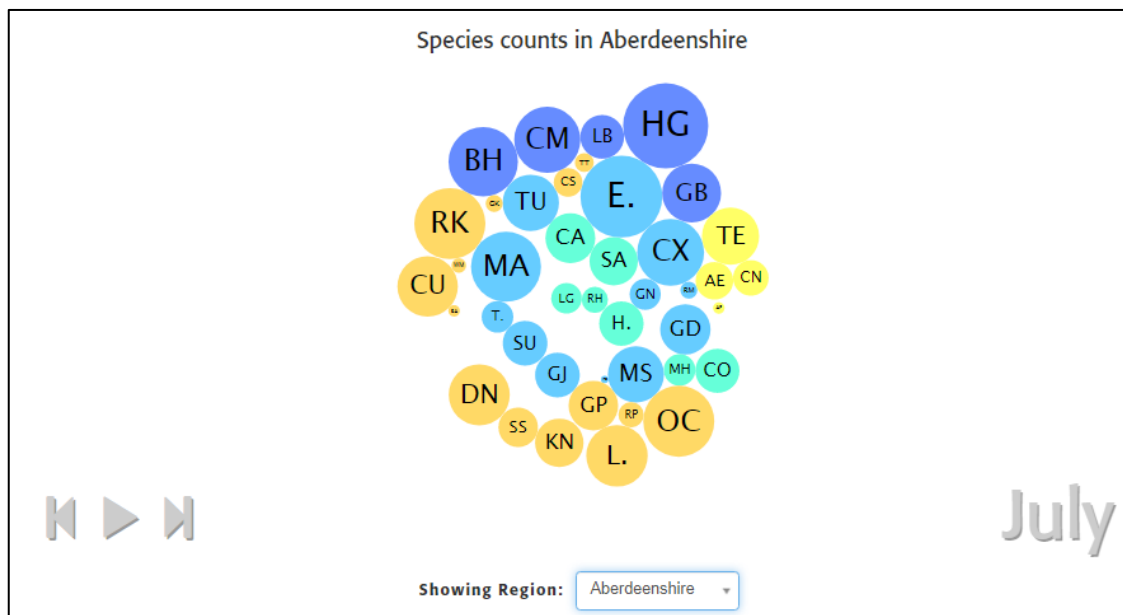


Figure 2: Species counts and trends for each BTO region

- 3- All sections for the Core and Low Tide Counts data entry are now on one page, with separate tabs for Waterbirds, Gulls, Terns and Other Common Species (such as Dipper). To enter new species not found in any of these tabs, do so in Section 3 - New Species Seen at the bottom of the page. New species can now be added when entering data using a tablet, as well as desktop and laptop computers.

Enter count - WeBS Core Count

▼ 1. Visit details

Survey Type: WeBS Core Count [Change](#)

Counter:

Site:

Date:

Start Time: :

End Time: :

Extra Details:

Ice Cover: %

Count Accuracy: OK Low

▼ 2. Species seen

These are the common species you have recorded previously at this site. If the species is not shown in the relevant tab below, add them using Section 3. Use square brackets to enclose gross underestimates, e.g. [100]. Tick present if a species was present which you were unable to count. Enter counts where possible.

Did you look for gulls during this visit?

Did you look for terns during this visit?

Please tick 'Present' for any birds you saw and enter a count if known, or tick that you did not see any.

waterbirds were present

Species	Present	Count	Species	Present	Count
Avocet (AV)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Grey Heron (GH)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Barnacle Goose (BG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Little Grebe (LG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bewick's Swan (BS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Mallard (MA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bittern (BI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Hoorhen (HH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Black-necked Grebe (BN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Mute Swan (MS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Coot (CO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Pink-footed Goose (PG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Common Cuckoo (CA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Teal (T)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gadwall (GA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	Tufted Duck (TU)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="13"/>

▼ 3. New species seen

Add any new species here. These will be added to the main species section for future counts.

Species	Present	Count	Species	Present	Count
<input type="text" value="Canada Goose (CG)"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="15"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

[+ Add New](#)

[Submit Count](#)

Specify that no count was carried out Specify that a paper record was received

Figure 3: Data inputting form for WeBS core count

- 4- Please continue to include numbers of species as accurately as you can in the **'Count'** boxes. You can move from count box to count box by pressing the tab key twice or using the mouse. Entering a count for a species will also automatically tick the **'Present'** box. If you accidentally enter a count against a species that was not present, please both delete the number from the count box and untick the present box.

- 5- If you were unable to carry out a count one month, please be sure to fill out the count site and date then tick **'Specify that no count was carried out'** at the bottom of the page (see Fig. 3), then press **'Submit Count'**.

- 6- There is no longer a review page before submitting a count. Instead, after submitting, you will be presented with a summary page (see Fig. 4). You will need to switch between the tabs (Waterbirds, Gulls etc.) to view all the species you recorded. You can view the previous data entry page to amend mistakes, by pressing on **'View/Edit this Count'**. If you do need to edit, be sure to press **'Edit Count'** once you've gone back to the view page, then make your edits and press save (see Fig. 5).

✓ Count Submitted

Thank you for entering your count data. A summary of the species submitted is shown below.

[View/Edit this Count](#)

Site: River Calder and River Aire Confluence
 Date: 02/07/2019
 Times: 13:00 - 14:00
 Status: Primary count

Species Count Summary

Waterbirds | Gulls | Terns | Other Common Species | New Species

Species	Present	Count	Species	Present	Count	Species	Present	Count
Coot (CO)	Y	5	Grey Heron (H.)	Y	1	Tufted Duck (TU)	Y	13

Enter new counts for the same site | Enter new counts for the same date | Data Home

Figure 4: How to go back to a count to review and edit.

[Edit Count](#) [Delete Count](#)

1. Visit details

Survey Type: WeBS Core Count

Counter: Birbles, Gillian (GBIRTLES1)

Site: River Calder and River Aire Confluence

Date: 02/07/2019

Start Time: 13 : 00

End Time: 14 : 00

Extra Details:

Ice Cover: 0 %

Count Accuracy: OK Low

Primary Count: Yes No

Figure 5: Press **'Edit Count'** when on the View page to make edits.