



WMBC 2017 CANNOCK CHASE BIRD SURVEY

In memory of Frank Gribble MBE

Stafford Branch

Survey Recording Requirements – an explanation.

Presence Only (PO)

Certain species in the Target species table are marked PO (Presence only)

These species will be assumed to be breeding where encountered in suitable habitat in the breeding season, and which are likely to be widely distributed and common across the Chase. Surveyors should note presence/absence in each sector that they survey.

Location Count Required (LCR)

Species perhaps of conservation concern will be counted and their breeding activity assessed (see BTO breeding Codes). Grid reference data should be also noted to avoid double counting. Further information required such as habitat where these species also are found is also required (see BTO Habitat Codes).

Surveyors may be surprised that birds such as Grey Lag Goose and Mandarin are in this category. This is because they are recent arrivals on the Chase and benchmark figures are not currently available.

Willow Warbler also is an LCR species. This is because they are widespread and in good numbers on parts of the Chase, yet they are in considerable decline in other parts of the UK. There may be lessons to be learned.

The West Midland Bird Club is grateful for advice received from the BTO and RSPB on surveying methods and techniques. What is achieved here however, is specific to the needs of the 2017 WMBC Cannock Chase Bird Survey.

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