

Notes on the Less Scarce Species Recording Form

This is the form to be used by county or regional bird recorders for the submission of data to the Rare Breeding Birds Panel for those species listed on the front of this form, if there are:

1. 10 or more pairs breeding in the county
2. The species occurs at 10 or more sites.

For all other species, even if there are more than ten pairs or ten sites, please use the standard RBBP Recording Form.

Use a separate form for each County/Recording area and year.
Please do not write in the shaded boxes, which are for office use.

NOTES

Enter the full English name of each species. Entering the Euring number is optional but helpful.

1. Please use the current administrative or recording divisions: county or recording area in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; SOC recording area in Scotland.
2. Lines are provided for up to ten species; please use further forms if you have more species to report.
3. Please enter the number of pairs in each of the European Atlas categories (below), plus the Total. If you are unsure, give the likely range (e.g. 15-20). Note that, for some species, it is appropriate to count in units other than pairs (e.g. Cetti's Warbler, calling males); please indicate the units used.

Possible breeding: One or more birds observed in possible nesting habitat or singing male (or breeding calls) in breeding season.

Probable breeding: Pair observed in suitable nesting habitat in breeding season or permanent territory presumed (through registration of song or other territorial behaviour on at least 2 occasions a week or more apart); or observations of courtship, visiting probable nest-site, agitated behaviour of adults, nest-building or brood-patch on adult.

Proved (or confirmed) breeding: Adults injury-feigning (distraction display), or at apparently occupied nest, or carrying faecal sac or food for young; or current year's used nest, fresh eggshells, recently fledged or downy young, or nest with eggs or young.

4. Please provide additional information, such as accuracy or reliability of estimate in the Notes column.

If you have no real idea of numbers of pairs or sites, as may well be the case for Barn Owl or Kingfisher, please enter any information which you think might be helpful, e.g. from most recent county atlas or avifauna, local increases or declines, results of local studies, etc.

Please return this form to The Secretary, Rare Breeding Birds Panel, The Old Orchard, Grange Road, North Berwick, East Lothian EH39 4QT, as soon as possible after the end of the breeding season.