

## Guidelines for bird records and species list

These guidelines indicate the type of records required for each species. Where indicated records of some species will be considered by the Herts Rare Birds Panel and additional information is required. A description form (in MS Word format) is available to download from the 'Links' webpage [www.hnhs.org/birds/links.php](http://www.hnhs.org/birds/links.php), Send your completed form by post or email to the County Bird Recorder, [recorder@hertsbirdclub.org.uk](mailto:recorder@hertsbirdclub.org.uk).

### Key to abbreviations

<b>Bold</b>	Species considered by the British Birds Rarity Committee; all records required	<i>Italics</i>	Species considered by the Herts Rare Birds Panel; all records required
All	All records required	MM	Dated monthly maxima from frequently visited sites/significant counts from elsewhere
B	All breeding records	>n	Minimum count required
R	Roost counts	C	Colonies
U	Unusual records	P	Birds on passage
W	Wintering records	F/L	First and last dates for migrants
TC	Territory counts		

Mute Swan MM B  
 Bewick's Swan All  
 Whooper Swan All  
**Bean Goose** \*  
**Pink-footed Goose**  
 White-fronted Goose  
 Greylag Goose MM B  
 Canada Goose MM >50 B  
**Barnacle Goose**  
 Brent Goose All  
 Egyptian Goose All  
 Shelduck All  
 Mandarin All  
 Wigeon MM F/L  
**American Wigeon**  
 Gadwall MM B  
 Teal MM B F/L  
**Green-winged Teal**  
 Mallard MM >40  
 Pintail All  
 Garganey All  
**Blue-winged Teal**  
 Shoveler MM B  
 Red-crested Pochard All

Pochard MM B  
**Ring-necked Duck**  
**Ferruginous Duck**  
 Tufted Duck MM B  
 Scaup All  
**Lesser Scaup**  
**Eider**  
**Long-tailed Duck**  
 Common Scoter All  
**Velvet Scoter**  
 Goldeneye MM F/L  
 Smew All  
**Red-breasted Merganser**  
 Goosander All  
 Ruddy Duck All  
 Red-legged Partridge >5 B  
 Grey Partridge All  
 Quail All  
 Pheasant >25  
**Lady Amherst's Pheasant**  
**Red-throated Diver**  
**Black-throated Diver**  
**Great Northern Diver**  
 Little Grebe MM B

Great Crested Grebe MM B

**Red-necked Grebe**

**Slavonian Grebe**

Black-necked Grebe All

**Fulmar**

**Manx Shearwater**

**Storm Petrel**

**Leach's Petrel**

**Gannet**

Cormorant MM B

**Shag**

Bittern All

**Little Bittern**

**Night Heron**

**Squacco Heron**

**Cattle Egret**

Little Egret All

**Great White Egret**

Grey Heron MM B

**Purple Heron**

**Black Stork**

**White Stork**

**Glossy Ibis**

**Spoonbill**

**Honey Buzzard**

**Black Kite**

Red Kite All

**White-tailed Eagle**

Marsh Harrier All

**Hen Harrier**

**Montagu's Harrier**

**Goshawk**

Sparrowhawk B

Buzzard >2 B

**Rough-legged Buzzard**

Osprey All

Kestrel B

**Red-footed Falcon**

**Merlin**

Hobby All

Peregrine All

Water Rail MM B F/L

**Spotted Crake**

**Little Crake**

**Baillon's Crake**

**Corncrake**

Moorhen MM >20

Coot MM >20

**Common Crane**

**Great Bustard**

Oystercatcher All

**Black-winged Stilt**

**Avocet**

**Stone Curlew**

Little Ringed Plover All

Ringed Plover All

**Kentish Plover**

**Dotterel**

Golden Plover All

Grey Plover All

**Sociable Plover**

Lapwing B P MM >100

Knot All

Sanderling All

Little Stint All

**Temminck's Stint**

**Least Sandpiper**

**Pectoral Sandpiper**

Curlew Sandpiper All

**Purple Sandpiper**

Dunlin All

**Broad-billed Sandpiper**

Ruff All

Jack Snipe All

Snipe All

**Great Snipe**

**Long-billed Dowitcher**

Woodcock All

Black-tailed Godwit All

Bar-tailed Godwit All

Whimbrel All

Curlew All

Spotted Redshank All

Redshank All

**Marsh Sandpiper**

Greenshank All

**Lesser Yellowlegs**

**Solitary Sandpiper**

Green Sandpiper All

Wood Sandpiper All

Common Sandpiper All

**Spotted Sandpiper**

Turnstone All

**Red-necked Phalarope**

**Grey Phalarope**

**Pomarine Skua**

**Arctic Skua**

**Long-tailed Skua**

**Great Skua**

**Sabine's Gull**

Kittiwake All

Black-headed Gull MM >50 R

Little Gull All

**Laughing Gull**

Mediterranean Gull All  
Common Gull MM R  
Lesser Blk-backed Gull MM R  
Herring Gull MM R  
Yellow-legged Gull All  
**Caspian Gull**  
**Iceland Gull**  
**Glaucous Gull**  
Great Black-backed Gull MM R  
**Caspian Tern**  
Sandwich Tern All  
**Roseate Tern**  
Common Tern MM FL B  
Arctic Tern All  
Little Tern All  
Black Tern All  
**White-winged Black Tern**  
**Guillemot**  
**Razorbill**  
**Little Auk**  
**Puffin**  
**Pallas's Sandgrouse**  
Rock Dove (Feral) >100  
Stock Dove >5 B  
Woodpigeon >100  
Collared Dove >25 R  
Turtle Dove All  
Ring-necked Parakeet All  
Cuckoo All  
Barn Owl All  
Little Owl All  
Tawny Owl All  
Long-eared Owl All  
Short-eared Owl All  
**Nightjar**  
Common Swift >50 F/L B  
**Alpine Swift**  
Kingfisher MM B  
**Bee-eater**  
**Roller**  
**Hoopoe**  
**Wryneck**  
Green Woodpecker MM B  
Great Spotted Woodpecker MM B  
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker All  
**Short-toed Lark**  
**Woodlark**  
Skylark >10 P B  
Sand Martin >30 P F/L C  
Swallow >50 P F/L  
**Red-rumped Swallow**  
House Martin >50 P F/L C

Tree Pipit All  
Meadow Pipit >5 P B  
Rock Pipit All  
Water Pipit All  
Yellow Wagtail B F/L P  
Grey Wagtail MM B  
Pied Wagtail MM >10 R  
Waxwing All  
**Dipper**  
Wren TC U  
Dunnock TC U  
Robin TC U  
Nightingale All  
**Bluethroat**  
Black Redstart All  
Redstart All  
Whinchat All  
Stonechat All  
Wheatear All  
**Grey-cheeked Thrush**  
**Rock Thrush**  
Ring Ouzel All  
Blackbird TC U  
Fieldfare >20 F/L P  
Song Thrush TC U  
Redwing >20 F/L P  
Mistle Thrush >10 B  
Cetti's Warbler All  
Grasshopper Warbler All  
**Savi's Warbler**  
**Aquatic Warbler**  
Sedge Warbler TC F/L  
**Paddyfield Warbler**  
**Marsh Warbler**  
Reed Warbler B F/L  
**Great Reed Warbler**  
**Icterine Warbler**  
**Melodious Warbler**  
**Dartford Warbler**  
**Barred Warbler**  
Lesser Whitethroat TC F/L  
Whitethroat TC F/L  
Garden Warbler TC F/L  
Blackcap TC F/L W  
**Yellow-browed Warbler**  
**Wood Warbler**  
Chiffchaff TC F/L W  
Willow Warbler TC F/L  
Goldcrest >2 B  
Firecrest All  
Spotted Flycatcher All  
**Red-breasted Flycatcher**

Pied Flycatcher All  
Bearded Tit All 2005  
Long-tailed Tit >10  
Marsh Tit B  
**Willow Tit**  
Coal Tit TC  
Blue Tit >10 TC  
Great Tit >10 TC  
Nuthatch TC  
Treetreeper TC  
**Golden Oriole**  
**Red-backed Shrike**  
**Great Grey Shrike**  
**Woodchat Shrike**  
Jay >5  
Magpie >10 R  
**Nutcracker**  
Jackdaw >25 R B  
Rook >50 R B  
Carrion Crow >10 R  
**Hooded Crow**  
Raven All  
Starling >100 R  
**Rose-coloured Starling**  
House Sparrow >10 R  
Tree Sparrow All

Chaffinch >25  
Brambling All  
**Serin**  
Greenfinch >20 R  
Goldfinch >10  
Siskin MM B  
Linnet >20 B  
**Twite**  
Lesser Redpoll All  
Mealy Redpoll All  
**Arctic Redpoll**  
**Two-barred Crossbill**  
Crossbill All  
**Common Rosefinch**  
Bullfinch All  
Hawfinch All  
**Snow Bunting**  
Yellowhammer >20 R TC  
**Cirl Bunting**  
**Ortolan Bunting**  
**Rustic Bunting**  
**Little Bunting**  
Reed Bunting >5 B R  
Corn Bunting  
  
Escapes All