



Project Ptarmigan



1st April – 31st August 2006

RECORDING FORM

Thank you for taking part in *Project Ptarmigan*. Please read the accompanying instructions before completing this form. Please complete one form for each Ptarmigan Transect (each walk within Ptarmigan range, normally starting and ending at 750 metres above sea level).

If you would like more forms, either photocopy this one, download copies from the web site: <http://www.bto.org/survey/special/ptarmigan/index.htm> or from BTO Scotland (address at bottom of this page).

Please send ALL completed forms back, *including* those for transects where you did not see Ptarmigan. It is just as important that we know where Ptarmigan are absent as where they are present.

a) YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

b) TRANSECT DATE & TIME

Date of survey: ____ / ____ / 2006 Starting time*: _____ Finishing time*: _____

* Time (BST) at the start and end of the Survey Route – do not record your 'walk-in' times.

c) PTARMIGAN TRANSECT DETAILS

Starting point of the Ptarmigan Transect* (6-figure grid reference): _____

* This is the point where you reach 750 metres above sea level, or where you first see a Ptarmigan if lower than 750 m.

Length of survey route: _____ km

List the grid references at all turning points* of your Ptarmigan Transect:

a)	h)	o)
b)	i)	p)
c)	j)	q)
d)	k)	r)
e)	l)	s)
f)	m)	t)
g)	n)	u)

* Please only include 'major' turning points and not every meander or zig-zag. Continue in the Additional Information box if you wish. If you wish, attach a map of your Survey Route to this form. See 'Planning a Ptarmigan Transect' in the Instructions sheet.

d) RECORDS OF PTARMIGAN

Number of individual Ptarmigan on your transect: _____

Number of *Ptarmigan Sites** encountered on your transect: _____

* Please refer to survey instructions for definition of a *Ptarmigan Site* (under 'Recording birds and their signs')

If you did not see any Ptarmigan or any Ptarmigan droppings, did you see any Ptarmigan feathers?

(Please delete as appropriate) YES / NO

e) SNOW COVER & WEATHER

How much of your Ptarmigan Transect was covered with snow?

Please cross (☒) one box below.

(Note: this refers strictly to your survey route and not to the entire hill.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 – 40% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Present but less than 5% | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 40% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 – 20% | |

Do you think the weather, for example high wind speeds or precipitation, could have reduced the number of Ptarmigan you saw?

(Please delete as appropriate) YES / NO

f) RED GROUSE

How many Red Grouse did you see on the Ptarmigan Transect? _____

Note this should **not** include any seen on the 'walk in' to your survey route.

g) OTHER SPECIES

On your survey route, did you see any of the following birds?

Please cross (☒) if you did:

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Plover | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow Pipit | <input type="checkbox"/> Raven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Crow | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheatear | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring Ouzel |

Or:

- I am familiar with these species but saw none.

k) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please use the space below to include any additional details you feel are relevant.

Please return your completed form to:

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