

Breeding Woodcock Survey 2023 - Habitat Recording Form


Please complete Sections 1-4 for the area **within a 200m-radius of the count point** between 15th May and 15th June. It may be necessary to use paths and tracks around the count point to assess habitat, but please ensure you do so using public access or with landowner permission. Please print a satellite map of the 200m buffer surrounding your count point on the 'Woodcock - Data Home' page of the survey website.

1.) Percentage of woodland and other habitats within 200m radius (Should sum to 100%).

| | Woodland (see Section 2a & b) | | Open space <i>within</i> woodland e.g. clearings, rides and roads, clear fells etc. | Non-woodland e.g., fields, lakes, built-up areas etc. |
|---------|---|---|---|---|
| | Mature woodland closed canopy woodland over 5m tall | Young woodland Average tree height is below 5m (see Section 3) | | |
| Example | 75% | 10% | 5% | 10% |
| %* | | | | |

2.) Common woodland types

2a.) Based on woodland within 200m of the count point, which description most closely matches the site? Consider both young and mature woodland if applicable. **Tick one.**

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|  | CONIFER | [M1] Entirely or almost entirely coniferous | |
| | | [M2] More than two thirds coniferous , but with more than 5% broadleaf | |
| | | [M3] Roughly even mixture of coniferous and broadleaf trees | |
| | | [M4] More than two thirds broadleaf , but with more than 5% coniferous | |
| | BROADLEAF | [M5] Entirely or almost entirely broadleaf | |

2b.) From the list overleaf, please select **up to three woodland types** that represent the commonest woodland categories occurring within 200m of the count point. If possible, select the understorey/field layer categories associated with each of these woodland types (also overleaf). Consider both young and mature woodland if applicable.

| | Woodland type Code | Understorey/ field layer type | Understorey/ field layer density |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Examples | OBM | T2 | D2 |
| | BIR | T0 | D0 |
| Most common woodland type: | | | |
| Second most common woodland type (if applicable): | | | |
| Third most common woodland type (if applicable): | | | |

3.) Young woodland

This may include newly planted or replanted woodland, coppiced woodland or areas allowed to naturally regenerate after felling. Which types of young woodland are present? **Tick all that apply.**

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| Stand(s) of young woodland where average tree height is below 2m | |
| Stand(s) of young/intermediate woodland where average tree height is 2 - 5m | |

4.) Representative of wider woodland?

For woods that extend significantly beyond the 200m radius described, is the summary above representative of woodland type and composition in the wider 1-km square?

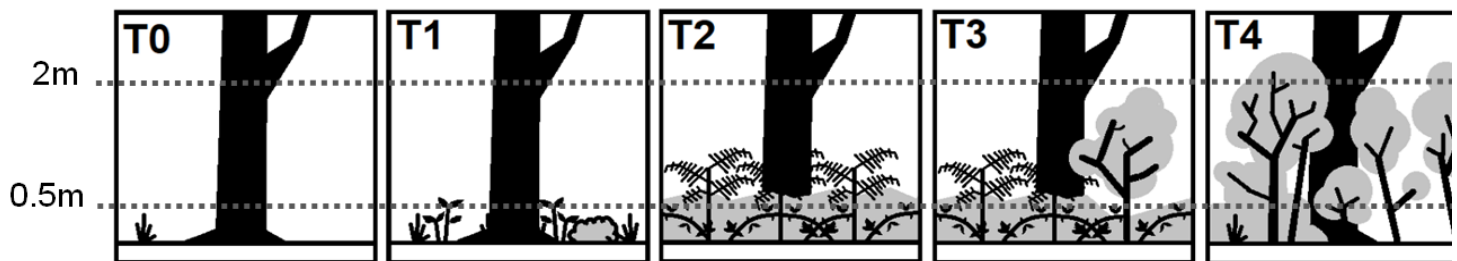
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| YES | |
| NO | |
| N/A | |

Woodland categories Codes for Section 2b.

| | Code | Woodland Type |
|------------------------|------|--|
| Coniferous categories | SPP | Scots Pine (Plantation) |
| | SPN | Scots Pine (Native woodland) |
| | SIT | Sitka Spruce |
| | COR | Corsican Pine |
| | LAR | Larch |
| | OC | Other dominant conifer type <i>e.g., Douglas Fir/Yew</i> |
| | MC | Mixed conifers <i>i.e., no single species dominates</i> |
| Broadleaved categories | OAK | Oak dominated <i>may contain Ash, Sycamore, Hazel or Holly— see OBM below.</i> |
| | OBM | Oak-Birch mixture |
| | BEE | Beech dominated |
| | BIR | Birch dominated <i>Inc. areas of young Birch woodland</i> |
| | OB | Other dominant broadleaf type <i>e.g., Ash - Field Maple, Willow, Alder</i> |
| | MB | Mixed broadleaves <i>i.e., no single species dominates (see also Oak dominated)</i> |
| Mixed categories | MIX | Mixed conifers and broadleaves <i>i.e. intimate mix of conifers and broadleaves within the same stands. Otherwise select multiple categories representing commonest stands.</i> |

Understorey/field layer type and density categories for Section 2b.



UNDERSTOREY/FIELD LAYER TYPES:

T0 = No understorey, field layer bare or grass dominated;

T1 = Herbaceous and woody field layer below 50 cm tall e.g. Dog's Mercury;

T2 = Herbaceous and woody field layer over 50 cm tall e.g. Bracken or Bramble;

T3 = Mixture of herbaceous and woody vegetation with tall shrubby understorey;

T4 = Tall shrubby understorey (>2m) e.g. Holly, field layer bare or grass dominated. **NA** = Not available

DENSITY:

D0 = none/almost none

D1 = sparsely scattered

D2 = patchy/clumped

D3 = extensive patches or total coverage.

