

Observer:		Visit 1 = mid-Sep-Oct 2 = Dec 3 = Jan 4 = Feb	
1-km square reference (e.g. TL1234)		Visit date	dd / mm / yyyy

Please complete ALL that apply to each transect section viewable up to **100m**.

However, if your transect section does not contain any of these farmland features, please ensure that you check the box labelled *Have you recorded Relevant Habitat?* at the bottom of the form.

See habitat and crop reference guide	Transect section (visible from route up to 100m)									
Farmland Habitat (tick all present)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ploughed (bare earth in large clumps)										
Tilled (bare earth in fine clumps)										
Bare unplanted (e.g. Pig field)										
Uncultivated/fallow (grassy and/or weedy)										
Mature broad-leaved crop (e.g. sugar beet)										
Young broad-leaved crop (e.g. rape, beans)										
Young cereal crop										
Other crop (e.g. Miscanthus grass)										
Green manure/fodder crop										
Cereal stubble with green vegetation										
Cereal stubble with no vegetation										
Other stubble (e.g. maize, rape, millet, beet)										
Pasture – Grazed										
Pasture – Ungrazed										
Livestock – Cattle										
Livestock – Sheep										
Livestock – Horses/Ponies										
Livestock – Pigs										
Livestock – Other livestock/Poultry										
Food provision (tick all present)										
Seed mix/Game strip – without maize										
Seed mix/Game strip – with maize										
Gamebird Hoppers/feeders (active)										
Manure heaps										
Muck/slurry on field										
Hedgerows on transect (tick one)										
Hedgerow without berries										
Hedgerow with berries										
No hedgerow										
Ground conditions: Enter code (1 = 0%, 2 = 1-50%, 3 = 51-100%)										
Flooded										
Frozen ground										
Snow cover										
Waterlogged Tick for Yes										
Have you recorded Relevant Habitat? Tick for Yes										

ESTABLISHING A ROUTE

EXISTING SQUARE

If your square has been surveyed before, you can download the route taken by the previous observer (also available via BBS-Online), showing the two 1-km transects which are divided into ten 200-m transect sections (1–10). Please do not renumber the sections; you do not have to walk the route in the order 1–10, please record against the sector you are in, not the order of completion.

NEW SQUARE/NOT MAPPED

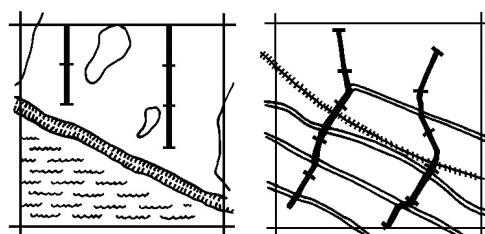
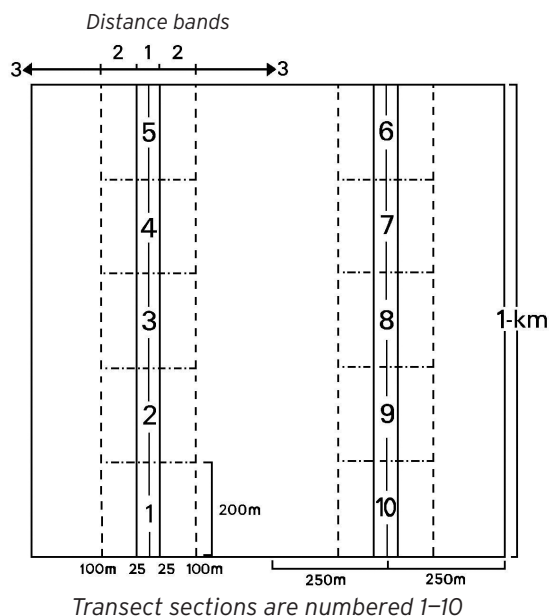
If a route has not been mapped for your square, you will need to establish a transect route. The route should ideally consist of two parallel lines, running roughly north-south or east-west, each 1 km long. Transects should be roughly 500 m apart and 250 m in from the edge of the square. Each transect should be divided into five equal sections 200 m in length, making a total of ten, numbered 1–10. It is important to note where each transect section starts and ends.

Please map your route using the online system.

When planning a route, please note that:

- Each transect should be 1 km long. Only transects that are completely straight, and perpendicular to the square boundary, should touch the square boundary at both ends.
- Minor intrusions into adjacent squares are acceptable.
- At no point should the two transects be closer together than 200 m.
- If access is restricted, it is acceptable to cover fewer than ten transect sections (i.e. the route can be shortened). However, if fewer than four transect sections can be covered, please report the square to your RO as uncoverable.

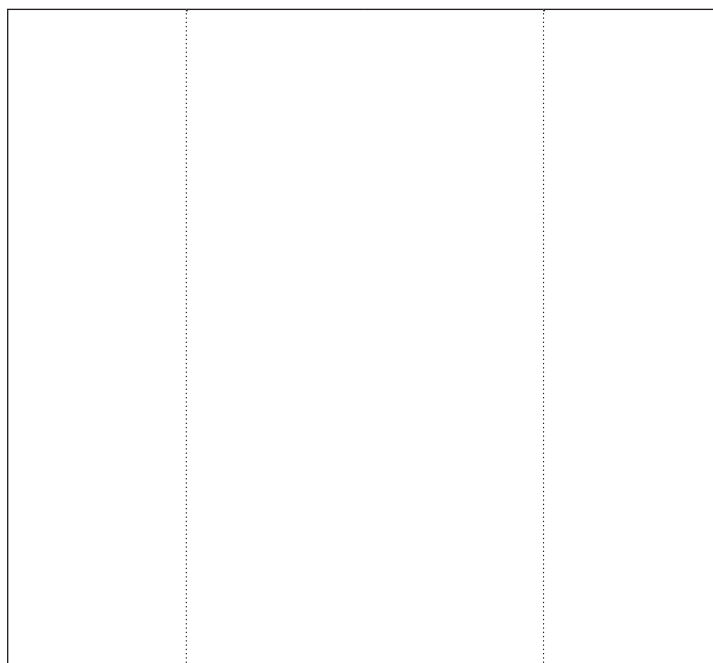
Diagram of an 'ideal' WINBS route



In practice, your transect lines are likely to deviate from the 'ideal'. Examples of acceptable transect routes are shown above.

SKETCH MAP

If you have no other way of submitting your route map, please sketch your route on the square below, marking the transect sections (1–10), and any notable landscape features.



If you are not using BBS-Online, please return all forms to BTO HQ: WINBS, The Nunnery, Thetford, IP24 2PU, or scan and email to winterbirds@bto.org