

# Winter Bird Survey

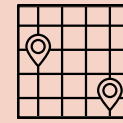
## Quick Start Guide

### Registration

Are you a  
Breeding Bird Survey  
volunteer with an  
assigned square?

No

Visit the [Request a square map](#)



Yes

Go to  
[BBS  
Online](#)

Navigate to  
'[My Details  
and Settings](#)'

Register to survey  
your square for the  
Winter Bird Survey



### What's involved?

Between 2 to 4 visits  
from Sept. 2025 to Feb. 2026

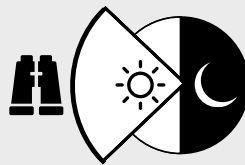
Visits at least  
3 weeks apart

#### Key visits

in Sept./Oct. and either Dec. or Jan.

#### Daytime surveys

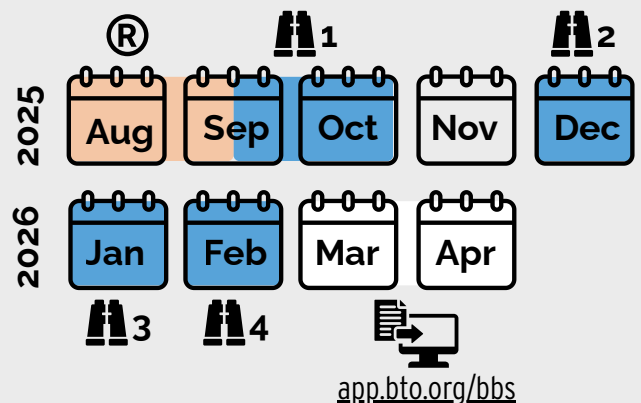
avoiding 1hr after dawn/before dusk



Sign up

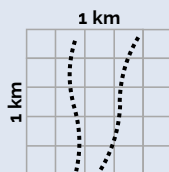
Survey

Data in



### Recording

Walk 2 x 1 km transects  
in a 1 km<sup>2</sup> – like BBS



Record basic habitat info

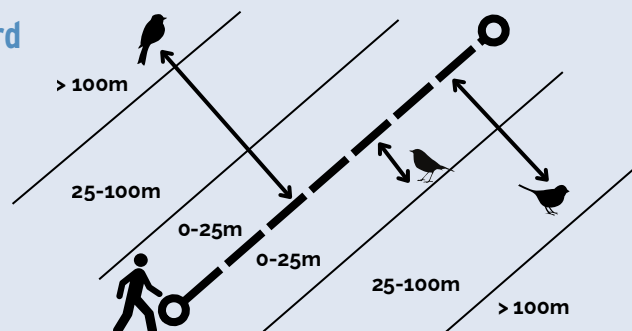


Optionally record live mammals



Record all birds seen and heard

(adults & juveniles)  
into one of 3 distance bands



Example recording form

3	100m	25m	1	25m	2	100m	3
PH			B.				3 Roe Deer
			↑				
	3 S.		1		5 WP		
8 RO			Y.				25 RE

**More information:** [www.bto.org/winbs](http://www.bto.org/winbs)

Visit the Winter Bird Survey website for detailed instructions, to download the recording forms and find out how to enter data. Good luck and thank you!