

CODES

Methods and Unit of count options on the left alongside definitions of the codes as per the SMP Online data entry system. Please submit all data by the 31 October for inclusion in the latest SMP trends.

Species (BTO code)	Survey method options per species:		Method	Unit of count	Acc'y (Accuracy)
	Method	Unit options			
Fulmar (F.)	1.1, 1.2	AOS, IND	1.1: sea-based Counts	AON: Apparently Occupied Nests	ACC: Accurate Count
Manx Shearwater (MX)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3	AOS	1.2: land-based Counts	AOS: Apparently Occupied Site	EST: Estimate Count
Storm Petrel (TM)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3	AOS	2.1: whole colony counts of AOB	AOT: Apparently Occupied Territories	HID: Est. of hidden birds
Leach's Storm Petrel (TL)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3	AOS	2.2: sample quadrats/transects of AOB	AOB: Apparently Occupied Burrows	
Gannet (GX)	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	AON, AOS	2.3: counts of individuals attending the colony	IND: Individuals on land at colony	
Cormorant (CA)	1.1, 1.2	AON, TRA	2.4: other (please provide details on methods used)	SEA: Individuals on sea adjacent to colony	
Shag (SA)	1.1, 1.2	AON, IND, TRA		AIR: Individuals flying over colony	
Arctic Skua (AC)	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AOT	3.1: counts of AOT/AON from a vantage point	TRA: Trace nests	
Great Skua (NX)	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AOT			
Mediterranean Gull (MU)	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND		Sea	Vis. (Visibility)
Black-headed Gull (BH)	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND	3.2: foot-based counts of AOT/AON from within colony	1: Flat calm	1: Good
Lesser Black-backed Gull (LB)	1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND	3.3: sample quadrats/transect counts of AON	2: Small waves	2: Fair
Yellow-legged Gull (YG)	1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND		4: White wave crests	3: Large waves
Herring Gull (HG)	1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND	3.4: flush counts of individuals	5: Waves breaking high onto rocks	Rain
Great Black-backed Gull (GB)	1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND	3.5: aerial counts	N/A: Inland site	1: None
Common Gull (CM)	1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	AON, AOT, IND	4.1: sea-based counts		2: Discontinuous light
Kittiwake (KI)	1.1, 1.2	AON, IND, TRA	4.2: land-based counts	Wind (Beaufort scale)	3: Discontinuous heavy
Arctic Tern (AE)	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	AON, IND	4.3: aerial counts	0: Calm	4: Continuous light
Common Tern (CN)	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	AON, IND	4.4: foot-based counts of AON from within colony	1: Light air	5: Continuous heavy
Little Tern (AF)	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	AON, IND		2: Light breeze	
Sandwich Tern (TE)	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	AON, IND	5.1: ascertained presence/absence of AOS	3: Gentle breeze	
Roseate Tern (RS)	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	AON, IND		4: Moderate breeze	
Guillemot (GU)	1.1, 1.2	IND	5.2: count of AOS using tape-playback	5 or more: Fresh breeze or stronger	
Razorbill (RA)	1.1, 1.2	IND			
Black Guillemot (TY)	1.1, 1.2	IND, SEA	5.3: counts of occupied burrows (using visible signs of use)	<i>NB. Counts generally unreliable above force 4 for Fulmar Razorbill or Guillemot</i>	
Puffin (PU)	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	AOB, IND, SEA, AIR			

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