

Breeding Woodcock Monitoring

Year:

Habitat Recording Form

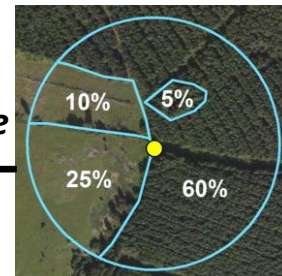
1-km square:

Please complete sections 1-4 for the area within a 200 m radius of the count point between 15th May and 15th June. You may find it helpful to first sketch the different woodland stands (i.e. similar tree species/age and shrub/ground vegetation composition) on a large-scale map and then estimate percentages for section 2.

1) Percentage of woodland and other habitats (within 200m radius) – estimate to nearest 5%.

	A) Closed-canopy woodland	B) Open space in woodland (clearing, clear fell, ride, etc.)	C) Non-woodland open space (field, lake, etc.)
%*	65%	10%	25%
%*			

Example



*Percentage should sum to 100%

2) Stand types and ages (within 200m radius) closed canopy woodland only – ignore other habitats.

For the area within 200m of the count point, please estimate the percentage area and age of each distinct woodland stand. Each stand should be coded according to **A) Woodland Type** it most closely matches and **B) Ground Vegetation Type** – first and second most frequent. (See *Woodland Habitat codes overleaf*)

A) Woodland Type (dominant species)	B) Ground vegetation		% see 1A	Stand age (tick one or more)		
	1st	2nd		Establishing (< 2m tall)	Intermediate (2-5 m tall)	Mature (>5m tall)
W10 Oak dominated	SG1 Bracken	SG6 Grass	5			Y
W21 Corsican pine	SG10 Bare/leaf litter		60			Y

3) Representativeness of wider area (beyond 200m radius)

For woods that extend significantly beyond 200m radius described, is the summary of stand types in Section 2 representative of woodland within the main 1-km survey square?

Yes No

4) Grazing Activity Recording

Please indicate the level of deer, or livestock, grazing/browsing activity and browsing within the wood (tick one). It will aid your assessment to walk any rides or tracks and through one of the woodland stands. For information on deer/livestock identification, signs and examples of browsing damage please see:

www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/woodcock-survey/resources

Grazing Activity	Description	Tick
Low	No dropping or hoof prints seen. No obvious signs of damage to shrubs or ground flora.	
Intermediate	Occasional signs of deer/livestock presence or light browsing.	
High	An obvious browse line. Frequent droppings and hoof prints. Regular browsing damage (shrubs and ground flora).	

Please enter your survey data online (www.bto.org/woodcock-survey) by 31st July. If you do not have internet access, please return your survey data to Greg Conway, BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford. Norfolk. IP24 2PU. Tel.: 01842 750050. E-mail: woodcock@bto.org

Woodland Habitat Codes

A) Woodland type codes

Please select the code which most closely matches the stand composition. **NOTE** the dominant tree species must comprise the majority of the stand but one, or more, other tree species can be present.

For information on tree identification see: www.british-trees.com/treeguide

Code	Woodland type	Woodland Category
W1-3	Sallow/Willow dominated	Wet Woodland
W4	Birch dominated	
W5-6	Alder dominated	
W7	Alder - Ash mixture	
WW	Other wet woodland	
W8	Ash - Field Maple dominated	Dry / Plantation Woodland
W9	Ash - Rowan/Mountain Ash dominated	
W10	Oak dominated (may also contain Ash, Sycamore, Hazel or Holly)	
W11-16-17	Oak - Birch mixture	
W12-14-15	Beech dominated	
W13	Yew dominated	
W18	Scots Pine (native woodland)	
W19	Scots Pine (plantation)	
W20	Sitka Spruce	
W21	Corsican Pine	
W22	Douglas Fir	
W23	Larch species	
W24	Other conifer	
W25	Other broadleaf	
W26	Mixed conifers	
W27	Mixed broadleaves (see W10)	
W28	Mixed conifer and broadleaves	
W29	Other	

B) Ground vegetation type codes – select the first and second most frequent shrub/ground vegetation.

For information on plant identification see: www.ukwildflowers.com/index.htm

Code	Vegetation type
SG1	Bracken
SG2	Bramble
SG3	Bluebell
SG4	Dogs Mercury
SG5	Nettle
SG6	Grass
SG7	Heather species
SG8	Bilberry
SG9	Moss
SG10	Bare/leaf litter

Your name and address will be kept on a computerised database for the purpose of 'this surveys' administration, and for furthering the objectives of BTO and GWCT. The BTO Data Controller is the Director of Services, BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2PU.