

# **Bird Haunts 1954**

## **Title**

British Bird Haunts 1954

## **Description and Summary of Results**

This has always been thought of as a BTO survey but it seems that it was purely a questionnaire sent out by the 'organisers' to BTO's Regional Representatives asking for information on sites in their local area which were good sites to go birdwatching. The intention was to describe these and produce a BTO Field Guide, stated to be "mainly for the benefit of foreign visitors but which would also be useful to native ornithologists". In effect it seems to have been an attempt to produce what much later became a series of books entitled "Where to watch birds in ...".

Responses were received from some counties but they were far from systematic and very incomplete.

No guide was ever produced, and nor was there any formal report describing the response to the questionnaire.

## **Methods of Data Capture**

A questionnaire was sent out to Regional Representatives of the BTO. This asked for such as: details of societies etc in district and local reports; general description of the area; numbers of species; what species occur and where; specific notes of where are the best places to see birds. Two samples (Oxfordshire and Argyll) were sent out as examples of what was required.

## **Purpose of Data Capture**

To identify the most interesting birdwatching sites in each area.

## **Geographic Coverage**

All of Britain and Ireland.

## **Temporal Coverage**

Questionnaires were sent out in early 1954.

## **Other Interested parties**

None.

**Organiser(s)**

Peter Conder, Philip E. Brown, and Bruce Campbell.

**Current Staff Contact**

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**Publications**

None are known to have been produced.

**Available from NBN?**

No.

**Computer data -- location**

N/A.

**Computer data -- outline contents**

None.

**Computer data -- description of contents**

None.

**Information held in BTO Archives**

1 box (2 folders of returned questionnaires and 1 of letters). All have been scanned.

**Notes on Access and Use****Other information****Notes on Survey Design****Specific Issues for Analysis**