

Mountain Hare Summary Survey also online: <https://forms.gle/q5LncdMbTQXrMJ6L7>

1. About you

Full name:

Email*:

** This information will be used to help interpret your observations, or to ask you about these. See www.bto.org/about-bto/promises-and-policies/privacy-policy for further detail.*

2. Did you record Mountain Hares on your walk?

Please record the number seen in each category below. Use a tick ✓ if an unknown number was seen, or '0' if none were seen.

Live hares:

Dead hares:

Other hare signs or interesting observations:

3. Information about your walk

Date:

Total duration (hrs):

Total distance (km):

Walk location (please give one or more of the following in the spaces provided):

1. The start and end point (or, if your route was circular, the furthest extent), as well as any points of particular interest. OS grid references or What3Words combinations are perfect. You can get these from the website <https://gridreferencefinder.com/os.php>.

2. If you can't give precise start and end locations, please give the names of one or more well-known hills or other landmarks. E.g. which Munros (+ tops), Corbetts etc. did you go up? To avoid confusion with other similarly named places – e.g. for common names like 'Beinn Mhor' - specifying the county or a nearby town might help.

3. A map of your route, printed or drawn, and submitted with this form.

Please return completed forms to the address overleaf. By doing so, you agree to sharing the information in it with Volunteer Mountain Hare Survey partners (see overleaf).

About the Volunteer Mountain Hare Survey

Mountain Hares

With coats that turn white in winter to provide camouflage in snow, Mountain Hares are one of Scotland's most iconic upland animals. As with most denizens of our upland landscapes, Mountain Hare populations are poorly understood – we need better information on where they occur, and how many there are, to make efforts to conserve them as effective as possible!

However, finding people to carry out surveys in some of the remote and rugged landscapes these animals live in can be difficult. This means that information about Mountain Hares from people who are already spending time in these areas could be really valuable, if we can get it!

How you can help

By recording just a bit of extra information when you are out hillwalking or simply spending time outdoors in upland areas, you could contribute to the Volunteer Mountain Hare Survey (VMHS), a partnership project between British Trust for Ornithology, NatureScot, the Mammal Society and the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, to improve knowledge of Mountain Hare populations in Scotland.

Information from areas where you're **NOT** encountering Mountain Hares could be particularly valuable. Learning about distributions is as much about understanding where animals aren't as about finding out where they are!

Summary Survey Form

The easiest way to contribute to the VMHS is to use the form on the other side of this paper to record whether you saw Mountain Hares, how many there were, and where and when you made these observations.

- You can fill in an online version of the form <https://forms.gle/q5LncdMbTQXrMJ6L7>
- Or you can send completed paper forms to this address:

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You can find out more about this survey, as well as how to get involved in more detailed recording of Mountain Hares, at www.bto.org/mountain-hare