

Wader Calendar Survey 2023



Please use the Wader Calendar Online Form (https://bit.ly/BTO_WaderSurvey) to register your interest. Request a paper pack using the online form or print out the Wader Calendar 2023 Recording Form from www.bto.org/wadercalendar to begin the week commencing 27 March 2023.



LAPWING, HOWARD STOCKDALE / BTO

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Arrive on breeding grounds

Display & courtship

Nesting & incubation

Chick rearing

Leaving breeding grounds

Time required can be just a few minutes each week, but it's up to you how much time you spend



Wader Calendar

Captures information on breeding waders on farms

Week start	Lapwing		
	Count	Displaying/Singing	Alarm calling/with young
27-March	30	0	0
3-April	24	0	10
10-April	10	✓	8
17-April	11	2	6

Each week, April to July, enter estimates of adults for each wader (or a tick ("✓") for presence). Displaying/singing and Alarm-calling/with young are optional (but useful to include).

- **Count:** total number on your farm/survey area
- **Displaying/singing:** number displaying/singing
- **Alarm-calling/with young:** number repeatedly alarm-calling, 'mobbing' or seen with young

Please remember to enter zero counts. Note age and count of any chicks/young seen in the *Notes* column. **Avoid double-counting the same birds within the same week.** If you did not record on a given week, strike out that week's row with a line across it.

There is no strict methodology but keep the method you use to monitor waders as consistent between weeks and years as is reasonably possible.

Email your Wader Calendar to waders@bto.org or post to BTO Scotland by **30 September 2023**.

Key stages for breeding success



See **Wader Survey Behaviour Guide** on www.bto.org/wader-survey-behaviour-guide for recognising behaviours

Outcomes

- Beginning a record of breeding waders on your farm may assist future agri-environmental applications
- Information from the Wader Calendar Survey will be used to inform future conservation action for these threatened species in the UK

Non-breeding season