



## MAMMAL RECORDING

Although the primary aim of WBBS is to record birds and their habitat, it would be useful if you could also record sightings or signs of mammals on your WBBS stretch. Populations of mammals in the UK have altered considerably over the last hundred years, yet these changes are poorly documented. BTO surveys contribute to the Tracking Mammals Partnership ([jncc.defra.gov.uk/trackingmammals](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/trackingmammals)), which provides data on wild mammal populations to the UK government.

While carrying out your bird surveys, please note down mammal records on your Field Recording Sheets, alongside your bird records. Later, please either enter your observations directly online, or transfer your counts to this Mammal Summary Sheet, which covers both your early and your late visits. There is no need to make special visits to count mammals, nor to record them in distance bands.

**Did you look out for mammals?** Recording mammals is optional. Please enter 'Y' if you looked out for mammals/signs (even if you saw none), or record this information online. Enter 'N' if you did not participate in mammal recording (i.e. indicating that you may have seen mammals or signs that you did not record).

**Species codes.** Please enter the following species codes overleaf.

Brown hare	01	Roe deer	08	Stoat	16
Mountain/Irish hare	02	Fallow deer	09	Weasel	17
Rabbit	03	Muntjac	10	Water vole	43
Red squirrel	04	Hedgehog	11	Mink	57
Grey squirrel	05	Mole	13	Otter	58
Fox	06	Brown rat	14	Domestic cat	61
Red deer	07	Badger	15	<b>For other species, enter name but leave code blank</b>	

### Numbers counted

The 'count' column is to record numbers of **live mammals seen as you carry out your line transect** and is not for dead animals, field signs or animals seen at other times. If you come across groups of mammals please make your best estimate of their numbers. Any estimate of the numbers of a particular species (no matter how rough), is more useful than recording no count, a range or text characters that cannot be input.

***If you enter code 'C' in the presence codes column, you must enter a count in the count column, and vice versa. To record live animals seen during extra (non-WBBS) visits to your stretch, please use 'S' in the 'presence codes' column, but do not record a number in the 'count' column.***

Example:

Species name	Sp. code	Visit	Section	Presence codes	Count
<i>Rabbit</i>	<i>03</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Rabbit</i>	<i>03</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Mole</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>FD</i>	

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