What’s New on WeBS Online for Counters - A Brief Overview

Here is a brief overview of the main features on the new look WeBS online. For more detailed guidance on all the new functions, please see the updated Guide to WeBS Online (found here) or the online tutorial guidance videos on the BTO website here.

1- To access WeBS online from the WeBS homepage, press ‘Go to Data Entry’ on the right.

![Figure 1: Accessing WeBS Online from the WeBS homepage online](image1)

2- You can see summaries of the species in your BTO WeBS region on the main page. Click play to see how the species numbers have changed over the year. Hover over a circle to see the species name and number. You can also choose any of the other regions from the region menu.

![Figure 2: Species counts and trends for each BTO region](image2)
3- All sections for the Core and Low Tide Counts data entry are now on one page, with separate tabs for Waterbirds, Gulls, Terns and Other Common Species (such as Dipper). To enter new species not found in any of these tabs, do so in Section 3 - New Species Seen at the bottom of the page. New species can now be added when entering data using a tablet, as well as desktop and laptop computers.

*Figure 3: Data inputting form for WeBS core count*
4- Please continue to include numbers of species as accurately as you can in the ‘Count’ boxes. You can move from count box to count box by pressing the tab key twice or using the mouse. Entering a count for a species will also automatically tick the ‘Present’ box. If you accidentally enter a count against a species that was not present, please both delete the number from the count box and untick the present box.

5- If you were unable to carry out a count one month, please be sure to fill out the count site and date then tick ‘Specify that no count was carried out’ at the bottom of the page (see Fig. 3), then press ‘Submit Count’.

6- There is no longer a review page before submitting a count. Instead, after submitting, you will be presented with a summary page (see Fig. 4). You will need to switch between the tabs (Waterbirds, Gulls etc.) to view all the species you recorded. You can view the previous data entry page to amend mistakes, by pressing on ‘View/ Edit this Count’. If you do need to edit, be sure to press ‘Edit Count’ once you’ve gone back to the view page, then make your edits and press save (see Fig. 5).

Figure 4: How to go back to a count to review and edit.

Figure 5: Press ‘Edit Count’ when on the View page to make edits.