

Guidelines for bird records and species list (as at 29 March 2010)

These guidelines indicate the type of records required for each species. Where indicated records of some species will be considered by the Herts Rare Birds Panel and additional information is required. A description form (in MS Word format) is available to download from the 'Links' webpage www.hnhs.org/birds/links.php, Send your completed form by post or email to the County Bird Recorder, recorder@hertsbirdclub.org.uk.

Key to abbreviations

Bold	Species considered by the British Birds Rarity Committee; all records required	<i>Italics</i>	Species considered by the Herts Rare Birds Panel; all records required
All	All records required	MM	Dated monthly maxima from frequently visited sites/significant counts from elsewhere
B	All breeding records	>n	Minimum count required
R	Roost counts	C	Colonies
U	Unusual records	P	Birds on passage
W	Wintering records	F/L	First and last dates for migrants
TC	Territory counts		

Mute Swan MM B
 Bewick's Swan All
 Whooper Swan All
Bean Goose
Pink-footed Goose
 White-fronted Goose All
 Greylag Goose MM B
 Canada Goose MM >50 B
Barnacle Goose
 Brent Goose All
 Egyptian Goose All
 Shelduck All
 Mandarin All
 Wigeon MM F/L
American Wigeon
 Gadwall MM B
 Teal MM B F/L
Green-winged Teal
 Mallard MM >40
 Pintail All
 Garganey All
Blue-winged Teal
 Shoveler MM B
 Red-crested Pochard All
 Pochard MM B
Ring-necked Duck
Ferruginous Duck

Tufted Duck MM B
 Scaup All
Lesser Scaup
Eider
Long-tailed Duck
 Common Scoter All
Velvet Scoter
 Goldeneye MM F/L
 Smew All
Red-breasted Merganser
 Goosander All
 Ruddy Duck All
 Red-legged Partridge >5 B
 Grey Partridge All
 Quail All
 Pheasant >25
Lady Amherst's Pheasant
Red-throated Diver
Black-throated Diver
Great Northern Diver
 Little Grebe MM B
 Great Crested Grebe MM B
Red-necked Grebe
Slavonian Grebe
 Black-necked Grebe All
Fulmar
Manx Shearwater

Storm Petrel
Leach's Petrel
Gannet
Cormorant MM B
Shag
Bittern All
Little Bittern
Night Heron
Squacco Heron
Cattle Egret
Little Egret All
Great White Egret
Grey Heron MM B
Purple Heron
Black Stork
White Stork
Glossy Ibis
Spoonbill
Honey Buzzard
Black Kite
Red Kite All
White-tailed Eagle
Marsh Harrier All
Hen Harrier
Montagu's Harrier
Goshawk
Sparrowhawk B
Buzzard >2 B
Rough-legged Buzzard
Osprey All
Kestrel B
Red-footed Falcon
Merlin
Hobby All
Peregrine All
Water Rail MM B F/L
Spotted Crake
Little Crake
Baillon's Crake
Corncrake
Moorhen MM >20
Coot MM >20
Common Crane
Great Bustard
Oystercatcher All
Black-winged Stilt
Avocet
Stone Curlew
Little Ringed Plover All
Ringed Plover All
Kentish Plover
Dotterel
Golden Plover All
Grey Plover All
Sociable Plover

Lapwing MM >100 B P
Knot All
Sanderling All
Little Stint All
Temminck's Stint
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper All
Purple Sandpiper
Dunlin All
Broad-billed Sandpiper
Ruff All
Jack Snipe All
Snipe All
Great Snipe
Long-billed Dowitcher
Woodcock All
Black-tailed Godwit All
Bar-tailed Godwit All
Whimbrel All
Curlew All
Spotted Redshank All
Redshank All
Marsh Sandpiper
Greenshank All
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Green Sandpiper All
Wood Sandpiper All
Common Sandpiper All
Spotted Sandpiper
Turnstone All
Red-necked Phalarope
Grey Phalarope
Pomarine Skua
Arctic Skua
Long-tailed Skua
Great Skua
Sabine's Gull
Kittiwake All
Black-headed Gull MM >50 R
Little Gull All
Laughing Gull
Mediterranean Gull All
Common Gull MM R
Lesser Blk-backed Gull MM R
Herring Gull MM R
Yellow-legged Gull All
Caspian Gull
Iceland Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull MM R
Caspian Tern
Sandwich Tern All
Roseate Tern

Common Tern MM FL B
Arctic Tern All
Little Tern All
Black Tern All
White-winged Black Tern
Guillemot
Razorbill
Little Auk
Puffin
Pallas's Sandgrouse
Rock Dove (Feral) >100
Stock Dove >5 B
Woodpigeon >100
Collared Dove >25 R
Turtle Dove All
Ring-necked Parakeet All
Cuckoo All
Barn Owl All
Little Owl All
Tawny Owl All
Long-eared Owl All
Short-eared Owl All
Nightjar
Common Swift >50 F/L B
Alpine Swift
Kingfisher MM B
Bee-eater
Roller
Hoopoe
Wryneck
Green Woodpecker MM B
Great Spotted Woodpecker MM B
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker All
Short-toed Lark
Woodlark
Skylark >10 P B
Sand Martin >30 P F/L C
Swallow >50 P F/L
Red-rumped Swallow
House Martin >50 P F/L C
Richard's Pipit
Tree Pipit All
Meadow Pipit >5 P B
Rock Pipit All
Water Pipit All
Yellow Wagtail B F/L P
Grey Wagtail MM B
Pied Wagtail MM >10 R
Waxwing All
Dipper
Wren TC U
Dunnock TC U
Robin TC U
Nightingale All
Bluethroat

Black Redstart All
Redstart All
Whinchat All
Stonechat All
Wheatear All
Grey-cheeked Thrush
Rock Thrush
Ring Ouzel All
Blackbird TC U
Fieldfare >20 F/L P
Song Thrush TC U
Redwing >20 F/L P
Mistle Thrush >10 B
Cetti's Warbler All
Grasshopper Warbler All
Savi's Warbler
Aquatic Warbler
Sedge Warbler TC F/L
Paddyfield Warbler
Marsh Warbler
Reed Warbler B F/L
Great Reed Warbler
Icterine Warbler
Melodious Warbler
Dartford Warbler
Barred Warbler
Lesser Whitethroat TC F/L
Whitethroat TC F/L
Garden Warbler TC F/L
Blackcap TC F/L W
Yellow-browed Warbler
Wood Warbler
Chiffchaff TC F/L W
Willow Warbler TC F/L
Goldcrest >2 B
Firecrest All
Spotted Flycatcher All
Red-breasted Flycatcher
Pied Flycatcher All
Bearded Tit All 2005
Long-tailed Tit >10
Marsh Tit B
Willow Tit
Coal Tit TC
Blue Tit >10 TC
Great Tit >10 TC
Nuthatch TC
Trecreeper TC
Golden Oriole
Red-backed Shrike
Great Grey Shrike
Woodchat Shrike
Jay >5
Magpie >10 R
Nutcracker

Jackdaw >25 R B
Rook >50 R B
Carrion Crow >10 R
Hooded Crow
Raven All
Starling >100 R
Rose-coloured Starling
House Sparrow >10 R
Tree Sparrow All
Chaffinch >25
Brambling All
Serin
Greenfinch >20 R
Goldfinch >10
Siskin MM B
Linnet >20 B
Twite
Lesser Redpoll All

Mealy Redpoll All
Arctic Redpoll
Two-barred Crossbill
Crossbill All
Common Rosefinch
Bullfinch All
Hawfinch All
Snow Bunting
Yellowhammer >20 R TC
Cirl Bunting
Ortolan Bunting
Rustic Bunting
Little Bunting
Reed Bunting >5 B R
Corn Bunting All

Escapes All