

Bird Atlas 2007-11

The Bird Atlas 2007-11 is a massive undertaking and exciting project that will map the abundance and distribution of birds in Britain and Ireland during the breeding and winter seasons. In Suffolk, we are carrying out our own Tetrad Atlas and we are off to a flying start having carried out the first winter and breeding seasons fieldwork.

Thank you! I wish to extend a big thank you from the Suffolk Atlas Working Group for your time, help and commitment to make this Atlas project a success. Atlases have provided vital information for bird conservation and one thing is for sure, the results from this atlas will be the basis for the conservation of birds in Britain for the coming decades.

Allocation, coverage, richness and species maps for Suffolk

So far, Timed Tetrad Visits have been made in **374** tetrads in winter (**360** receiving both early and late visits). Likewise in the breeding season, **277** tetrads have been surveyed of which **253** have had both early and late visits. The tables below indicate how TTV coverage is progressing towards our aim to survey every tetrad in every 10-km square.

Winter and Breeding Tetrad Progress

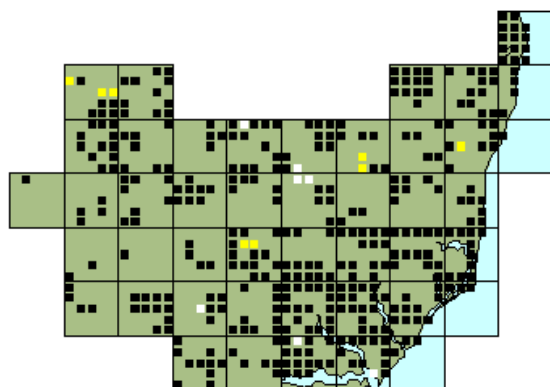
Season	No. of tetrads	Total no. TTVs (2 visits)	Total no. TTVs (only 1 visit)
Winter	1001	360	14
Breeding	1001	253	24

For the first winter period (2007/08) we have received over 660,000 records and we know that there are still many more records to be added to the database.

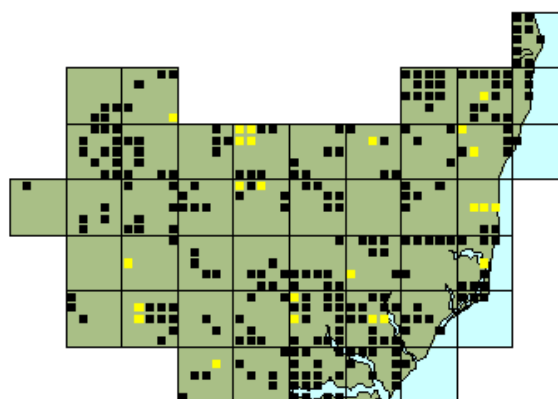
The coverage for summer should be almost the same as for winter but you will note from the table above that there is a difference; this is because around 80 fieldworkers still have not submitted their results.

PLEASE SEND IN ALL TTV RESULTS AND ROVING RECORDS.

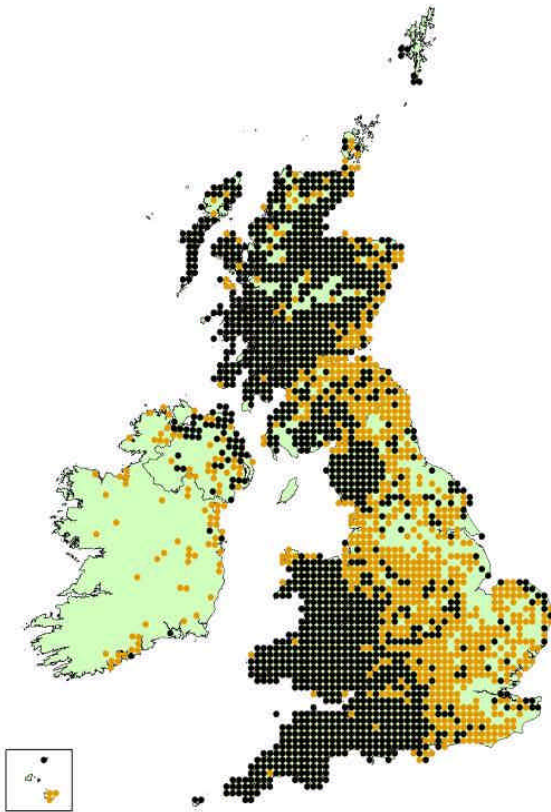
Coverage Maps for Winter and Breeding



Tetrads surveyed in winter:
yellow=early only; white=late only;
black=both periods



Tetrads surveyed in breeding season:
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The data being collected are already showing some interesting changes for a number of species e.g.

Buzzard

Black dots 1981/84

Orange dots 2007/08 are all additional 10km squares

If you wish to take on a new TTV for the winter of 2008/09 and breeding 2009 or be a Roving Recorder please contact Mick Wright, Atlas Co-ordinator for Suffolk, on 01473 710032 or email micktwright@btintemet.com

By visiting www.birdatlas.net you can easily see the vacant tetrads and be able to select the one/s you would like to survey; this will automatically generate an email to me – just follow the online instructions.

The second period of winter Atlas fieldwork starts on November 1st 2008.

Members of the working group are Steve Piotrowski, Peter Lack, Andrew Green, Colin Jakes, Nick Mason, Andrew Easton, Rob Wilton and Mick Wright.

Thank You