

The aim of the Big Farmland Bird Count is to help raise awareness of the important role that farmers play in the survival of farmland bird populations. It will provide an opportunity for farmers to actually demonstrate what their work and effort delivers on the ground. Don't forget you can upload your count information online at www.gwct.org.uk/bfbc

Please complete as much of the following information as possible as it will help us to accurately record your survey details.

1. Contact and Farm Details.

Name	
Address	
Post Code	

Farm Size in ha	
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2. What are the main enterprises on your farm? Please could you tick all those that apply

Arable – Combinable Cropping		Poultry – Free Range	
Arable – Field vegetables		Poultry – Housed	
Horticulture		Pigs – Out door	
Beef / Sheep		Pigs – In door	
Dairy		Top fruit	
Others not listed			

3. Is your farm in an Environmental Stewardship Scheme? Yes / No

Environmental Stewardship	Please Tick as appropriate
ELS	
HLS	
Other Scheme	

4. Is there a shoot on your farm? Yes / No

5. If yes do you release birds? Yes / No

Please return completed sheets to BFBC, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust, Burgate Manor, Fordingbridge, Hampshire. SP6 1BR

Guidelines for your count.

- Please count the birds at your chosen site for ½ hour between 1st & 7th February.
- We would recommend that the count takes place at first light to see maximum activity.
- If possible the count should take place in clear dry weather. Please do not count in the fog.
- Your count area should be approximately 2ha and ideally it should all be visible from one vantage point.
- Only record the highest number of each bird species you see at the same time. Don't count the total over the half hour as you may get the same birds visiting more than once.
- Only count those birds within your survey area/ field.

Details of your count

1. Where did you do your count? Please record details of the main use of the farm land where you carried out your count by ticking the boxes below.

On arable land Yes / No

If yes Cropping / Land use			
Bare Ground	Stubbles	Winter crop	Other- please specify

On grassland Yes /no

If yes tick land use as appropriate an indicate livestock type			
Permanent with livestock	Permanent without livestock	Temporary ley with livestock	Temporary ley without livestock

2. Which of the following features are adjacent to or within your survey areas please tick all that are present.

Hedgerows		Ditch (wet or dry)	
Woodland		Trees Hedgerow / Field	
Ponds		Scrub	
Grass margins			
Stream / River			

3. What was the weather like during the survey? Please tick as appropriate

Clear & Sunny		Overcast	
Rain		Sleet / Snow	
Frost		Snow Cover	

4. Please indicate what time your count took place.

5. Is there any supplementary feeding taking place at your count site? Yes / No

If yes please complete the box below

Type of feeding	yes/ no	Additional Information	
Hoppers		Number of hoppers in place	
Wild seed mix		Plants in the mix	Area (ha)
Game cover		Plants in the mix	Area (ha)
Scatter feeding		Type of seed	

What did you see? Please record the maximum number of birds seen at any one time.

Where the species are not listed please add as required.

Species	Number	Species	Number
Barn Owl		Linnet	
Blackbird		Long Tail Tit	
Blue Tit		Magpie	
Brambling		Mallard	
Bullfinch		Meadow pipits	
Buzzard		Pheasant	
Carrion Crow		Red leg Partridge	
Chaffinch		Redwing	
Coal Tit		Reedbunting	
Corn Bunting		Robin	
Duncock		Rook	
Fieldfare		Skylark	
Goldfinch		Snipe	
Great Tit		Song thrush	
Greenfinch		Sparrowhawk	
Grey Partridge		Starling	
House Sparrow		Stock dove	
Jackdaw		Teal	
Jay		Tree Sparrow	
Kestrel		Woodpigeon	
Lapwing		Wren	
		Yellowhammer	
Other Species			

Final Questions

Just a few final questions that would be useful to have answers for.

1. Are you a LEAF Marque Farmer? Yes / No
2. Are you a GWCT Member?
3. How did you hear about the Big Farmland Bird Count?

	Please Tick as appropriate
GWCT Website	
GWCT Email	
Twitter	
Facebook	
Your local FWAG Group	
LEAF Email	
Other (please specify):	