

The Breeding Bird Survey 2019

The BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is the main scheme for monitoring the population changes of the UK's common breeding birds. It is a national volunteer project aimed at keeping track of changes in the breeding populations of widespread bird species in the UK. Wild bird populations are an important indicator of the health of the countryside, and knowing to what extent bird populations are increasing or decreasing is fundamental to bird conservation.

This survey involves two early-morning visits through April, May and June to a randomly selected 1-km square, to count all the birds seen or heard while walking two 1-km transects across the square. Basic habitat details are required, with an option to record mammals. For those with free time later in the season another visit can be made for a Butterfly Survey.

Northumberland has 120 1km squares assigned for coverage, with nearly 100 allocated. Below is a list of accessible available squares. Of you'd like to take part please either register with BTO on the BBS website or contact Muriel Cadwallender at tomandmurielcadwallender@hotmail.com.

BBS 2019 Vacant Squares		
1km Square	Approx Location	OS Map
NT7108	Deerlee Knowe	80
NT7307	Leithope Forest, nth of Catcleugh	80
NT9040	Heaton Moor, Crookham	75
NT9134	West Flodden	75
NU0247	NE of Cheswick	75
NY6080	Sighty Crag, Cumbria	80
NY6081	Bewcastle Fell, Cumbria	80
NY6263	Hill Head, Thirwell Common	86
NY6758	Lambley	86
NY6781	Whickhope Nick, Kielder	80
NY7072	Black Fell, Wark Forest	87
NY7398	Blakehope Nick East, Kielder	80
NY7885	nth Tyne nr Bellingham	80
NZ1867	Westerhope	88
NZ2177	Blagdon	88