

Shropshire Biodiversity Action Plan

Generic Bird Species Actions

Habitat / Species	Action Code	Action text	Location of action	Start Date	End Date	Lead	Assisting
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 01	Prepare Action Plan to increase area of wetland and suitable breeding habitat for Curlew and Snipe at Rhos Fiddle by 2015.	Rhos Fiddle	2006	2015	SWT	SOS
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 02	Establish monitoring arrangements to record the population, population change, breeding success and habitat usage for all BAP and PSA Target Bird Species on all farms covered by any Agri-environment scheme in Shropshire, and measure the effectiveness of such schemes.	Shropshire	2006	2007	NE	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 03	Monitor population, population change, breeding success and habitat usage for all BAP priority bird species on all CSS & ESA Farms in Shropshire until 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	FWAG, RS, SOS, AONB, SWT, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 04	Publish an Annual Monitoring Report on the population, population change, breeding success and habitat usage for all BAP and PSA Target Bird Species on all farms covered by any Agri-environment scheme in Shropshire, and the effectiveness of such schemes.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 05	Publish Annual County Bird Report.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SOS	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 06	Produce Maps showing Distribution and Change in Distribution over previous 20 years (following repeated Fieldwork for Breeding Bird Atlas 2008 - 11).	Shropshire	2006	2014	SOS	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 07	Ensure that the needs of priority bird species are incorporated into the AONB Management Plan, until 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	AONB	SCC

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Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 08	Develop an Action Plan to monitor population, population change and breeding success of all BAP ground nesting birds on sites not explicitly identified in the Shropshire Biodiversity Action Plan by 2008.	Shropshire	2006	2008	SWT	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 09	Ensure that the needs of priority bird species are incorporated into Parish Plans by 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SCC	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD AP 10	Ensure that the needs of priority bird species are incorporated into the Community Strategy and other County and local plans by 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SCC	LA's
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 01	Provide specific management guidelines to all ESS Higher Level Scheme applicants	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 02	Provide specific management guidelines to all ES Higher Level Scheme applicants.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 03	Provide advice to farmers on the habitat requirements of BAP bird species, and action to maintain and increase such habitats	Shropshire	2006	2015	FWAG	RS, AONB, SOS, SWT, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 04	Develop and maintain a programme of publicity, advice and education, using existing publications and new initiatives, to increase awareness amongst farmers and landowners of the status and reasons for decline of populations of BAP bird species, and the measures that they can take to reverse these declines, and to promote conservation measures.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 05	Produce a quarterly newsletter on the Shropshire BAP, and the ways in which farmers and landowners can make a contribution to its objectives and actions, and distribute it to all individuals and organisations receiving any form of Government (or EU) Grant for agricultural activity.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	

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Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 07	Provide advice leaflets for all planning departments on safeguarding BAP species through planning and development control policies.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	SOS	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 08	Actively promote good practice to landowners, Statutory Organisations and those engaged in activities that affect birds such as the construction industry, gardening, tree surgery, forestry, and management of highways and rivers, streams and waterways.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, AONB, UOWG	RS, SOS,
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 09	Promote agricultural practice that minimises risk to the nests and broods of all BAP ground-nesting birds within the Shropshire Hills AONB until 2015.	Shropshire Hills AONB	2006	2015	AONB		
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 10	Publicise the support of Natural England for the conservation of Lapwing and Curlew, and creating suitable habitat for them, amongst farmers and landowners until 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, AONB, UOWG	RS, SOS,
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CA 11	Actively encourage farmers to retain and increase the area of suitable breeding habitat for Curlew and Lapwing (including creative use of Set-aside), avoid destruction of nests and chicks, and undertake predator control until 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	RS, SWT, UOWG	SOS,
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CP 01	Disseminate results of national and local research findings and provide appropriate advice to farmers and land managers.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, AONB, UOWG	RS, SOS,
Generic Birds	SHR BRD CP 02	Produce general publicity and education materials, to raise the profile of Lapwing, Curlew & Snipe, and publicise their habitat requirements amongst farmers in the area by 2015.	Shropshire Hills AONB	2006	2015	AONB		
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FI 01	Enter into agreements with farmers to maintain habitat for Curlew and Lapwing, pending farm applying to join an Agri-environment scheme by 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	RS, UOWG	

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Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 01	Actively encourage landowners and farmers that already have populations of BAP bird species to join ES (Higher Level Scheme (HLS) and Entry Level Schemes (ELS)) and use the agreements specifically to protect and extend the habitat of these species through good management practice.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	FWAG, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG, SWT
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 02	Actively encourage landowners and farmers that have the potential to increase the area of suitable habitat for BAP bird species, or to create new habitat, to join ES (HLS and ELS) and use the agreements specifically to protect and extend habitat and good management practice for the benefit of these species.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	FWAG, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG, SWT
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 03	Maximise the use of existing Countryside Stewardship (CSS) & Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Agreements to improve habitats for all BAP bird species.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	FWAG, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG, SWT
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 04	Establish a network of volunteers that are able to carry out systematic survey work on population, population change, breeding success and habitat usage for all BAP Target Bird Species.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 05	Press RSPB to re-establish a full time Conservation Officer to work in Shropshire, and facilitate the implementation of BAP Action Plans.	Shropshire	2006	2007	SCC	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 06	Seek the necessary resources to implement all the above actions.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SCC	SWT
Generic Birds	SHR BRD FR 07	Encourage farms with breeding Curlew and Lapwing to join the new Environmental Stewardship until 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, NE, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD HC 01	Create 9 new wetlands / scrapes for Lapwing, Snipe and Curlew annually until 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	EA	RS, SWT, AONB, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD HS 01	Ensure that drainage schemes do not affect the integrity of bird breeding sites or foraging areas.	Shropshire	2006	2015	EA	

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Generic Birds	SHR BRD HS 02	Manage existing wet flushes & ponds, and create new shallow ponds, to ensure suitable habitat is maintained on a rotational program with some work occurring every year for Curlew and Snipe on the Long Mynd until 2015.	Long Mynd	2006	2015	NT	LMBBP
Generic Birds	SHR BRD HS 03	Manage the open moorland on Wild Moor as a tree-free zone for BAP ground nesting birds (area to be defined in NT Long Mynd Property Conservation Plan) until 2015.	Long Mynd	2006	2015	NT	LMBBP
Generic Birds	SHR BRD ID 01	Publish breeding distribution maps for preceding 5 years on SOS Web Site by 2015.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SOS	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD PL 01	Ensure the effective implementation of legislation that protects birds.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	SOS
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SM 01	Introduce and maintain predator control operation for benefit of BAP ground nesting birds where appropriate at Rhos Fiddle and Long Mynd (SSSI) until 2015 .	Long Mynd, Rhos Fiddle	2006	2015	SWT	LMBBP, NT
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SM 02	Together with Partners, develop and implement a strategy and programme of action to ensure Curlew and Lapwing do not become extinct in the AONB, particularly in the Upper Onny and Clun ESA by 2015.	Clun ESA, Shropshire Hills AONB, Upper Onny Area	2006	2015	AONB	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 01	Monitor population, population change, breeding success and habitat usage on all ES ELS Farms in Shropshire.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 02	Monitor population, population change, breeding success and habitat usage on all ES HLS Farms in Shropshire.	Shropshire	2006	2015	NE	
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 03	Produce detailed Targets and Action Plans for Natural England by September 2007, to increase the population of BAP birds in this County, to be incorporated into the Shropshire BAP.	Shropshire	2006	2007	NE	

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Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 04	Encourage the formation and development of community organisations dedicated to monitoring and promoting the interests of BAP Bird Species (such as Upper Onny Wildlife Group).	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	FWAG, NE, RS, AONB, SOS, UOWG
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 05	Undertake Annual BTO Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) in sufficient 1-km squares to produce index of population change for the common species.	Shropshire	2006	2015	BTO	SOS
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 06	Encourage submission of breeding season records to SOS, by general public and members of SOS & SWT.	Shropshire	2006	2015	SWT	SOS
Generic Birds	SHR BRD SU 07	Monitor the vegetation and water levels in the wet flushes utilised by Curlew and Snipe on the Long Mynd every 3 years until 2015.	Long Mynd	2006	2015	NT	LMBBP

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Key to Organisations

BTO	British Trust for Ornithology
NT	National Trust
LMBBP	Long Mynd Breeding Bird Project
SOS	Shropshire Ornithological Society
FWAG	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
NE	Natural England
RS	RuralScapes
AONB	Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
UOWG	Upper Onny Wildlife Group
SWT	Shropshire Wildlife Trust
EA	Environment Agency
SCC	Shropshire County Council

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