

# Wader Calendar Survey 2021



Breeding waders are in steep decline and our society urgently needs more information about how many are left in different areas, and whether they are managing to rear young. **Farmers are well placed to gather valuable information on waders** with this simple weekly survey methodology.



LAPWING, HOWARD STOCKDALE / BTO

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Arrive on breeding grounds

Display & courtship

Nesting & incubation

Chick rearing

Leaving breeding grounds

**Time required**  
just a few minutes  
each week



## Wader Calendar

Captures information on breeding waders on farms

Week start	Lapwing		
	Core count	With young	Alarm/agitation
31-May	30	✗	✗
07-Jun	24	✗	10
14-Jun	10	✓	8
21-Jun	11	2	6

**Fill in a single row each week**, estimating the minimum number of birds of **five wader species** you have observed on your farm throughout the week.

The waders to look out for are: Lapwing, Redshank, Curlew, Oystercatcher, and Snipe.

Optionally, please estimate the minimum number you observed 1) with young and 2) alarming or agitated.

Zero counts are just as important – even if you have no breeding waders on your farm at all. A recording form and instructions can be downloaded from [www.workingforwaders.com/resources](http://www.workingforwaders.com/resources), or you can request these by email from [waders@bto.org](mailto:waders@bto.org).

Don't forget to return your form to us at the end of the summer!

## Key stages for breeding success

See **Behaviour Guide** in the Survey Instructions for recognising behaviour

## Outcomes

- Beginning a record of breeding waders on your farm may assist future agri-environmental applications
- Information from the Wader Calendar Survey will be used to inform future conservation action for these threatened species in the UK

Non-breeding season