Bird Survey

Curlew, Lapwing and Other Target Species

The main target species are Lapwing and Curlew. We need more helpers. If you can recognise these two birds (and preferably their calls), you can make an important contribution.

The survey area is bounded roughly by Leebotwood, Marshbrook, Shipton and Hughley. It is divided into 30 squares, each of 2x2 kilometres, as shown below.

Participants take on one of these survey squares and visit three times, on dates to suit you around 1st April, 1st May and 15th June, about half a day each visit, so it doesn't take much time. It's easy to do, and participants are provided with simple survey instructions and a map to record sightings on. If possible, we'd also like you to record Kestrel, Cuckoo, and other target species, but that's an optional extra.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 16th March 2022 to present the results of the Bird Survey in 2021, organise the 2022 survey and explain what's involved to new participants. All welcome!!! For those that are interested in a more in-depth presentation on Curlews, the SOS Church Stretton Branch meeting on Monday 28th March is a talk titled "*Curlews, and Efforts to Save Them*"', by Leo Smith, the SOS *Save our Curlews* campaign coordinator, and organiser of the Strettons area survey. Both meetings are at the Methodist Church Hall, Watling Street, and start at 7.30pm.

There will be a practical training session, explaining how to go about the survey, and record what you see, around the end of March, if you feel you need it.

You can see reports from previous years here.

You can choose your own square, and do more than one if you want, but we have to try and get all the squares covered, so it would help if you'll be a bit flexible, and just indicate the rough area that you'd like to do, and we'll choose a square for you.

If you're interested in helping, or want more information, email Leo Smith (leo@leo.smith.org.uk)

See the next page for a map of the survey area.

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CWG Survey Area - Stretton Area (1:75,000)