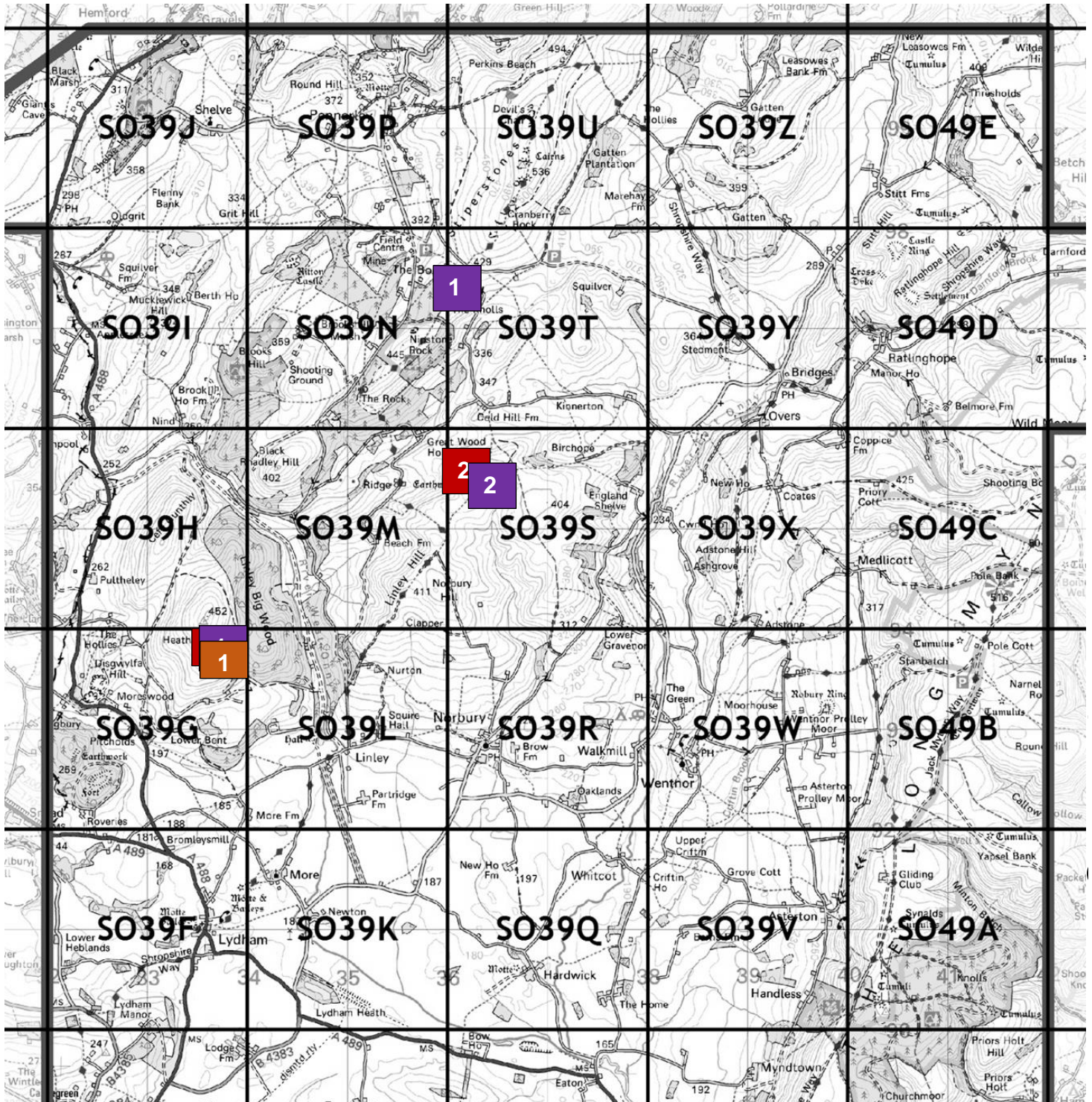


Upper Onny Wildlife Group

Kestrel Records 2023

(All surveys and Casual records)



Survey Period: 1 First (Up to 9 April) 1 Second (Up to 7 May) 1 Third (Up to 18 June)

Number within the symbol is number of birds seen. Casual Observations have hatched colours.

There was one known nest site, near The Bog (SO39N). At least 2 young fledged.

Known pairs frequent Linley Hill and Heath Mynd. Mating was observed on the first two visits to the former site. None were seen at Prolley Moor in 2023, and none were seen in 2023 or 2022 near other sites occupied in previous years: Stapeley Hill, and near Norbury.

On Long Mynd surveys, a pair was frequently seen hunting over Wildmoor, and this pair are believed to nest near Ratlinghope Church, and another pair frequented Bilbatch, and they are believed to nest at the bottom of the Batch.

Pairs forage up to 1.8 km from their nest site, and it is likely that the records on the map can be attributed to these known sites. 2022 was a poor year for Kestrel, probably due to prolonged cold northerly winds at the start of the season.

Population estimate = 3 pairs, compared to 6 pairs in 2022 and 4 pairs in 2021