

ATLAS - AYRSHIRE

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Atlas 2007-2011 Interim Report & Encouragement

The Atlas in Ayrshire

Ayrshire has 31 x 10 km squares

All 'land-based' 10km squares have 25 tetrads.

So there are 654 tetrads suited to TTV survey.

The Atlas requires 8 tetrads minimum in each 10km square.

So we need to cover 224 tetrads in the 4-year life of the Atlas

At this time 183 tetrads have been 'booked'.

Many 10km squares have more than 8 tetrads booked (some have 15).

Some have none booked, requiring effort in future years.

The First winter TTV survey saw 100 tetrads completed

This is really good!

What is worrying now is at this date only 47 second winter TTV's have been returned.

The 2nd winter survey finishes at the end of February.

Please continue to help this great effort

The Atlas in Ayrshire

Reasons:

Some helpers registered for TTV's intending to complete them in future years.

Some may be leaving off the second visit till near the end of the winter session.

Some may have completed their survey and not yet entered the results.

I know some have given up this year for health reasons.

Completing 1st winter survey then failing on the 2nd is a sad loss.

There may be further developments on this but it does complicate even void statistical analysis.

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The Survey -

INTEREST

The first Winter TTV's that I completed formed a transect from the Lugar Valley North to the River Ayr valley.

Very noticeable was the small numbers of Fieldfare & Redwing in the Lugar Valley contrasting with the much larger numbers in the River Ayr valley.

If this is maintained in successive years then despite these two neighbouring valleys appearing

similar there must be environmental characters which are not obvious but which perhaps could be determined.

HELP

Ayrshire Heronries have been under-recorded in recent years.

With the breeding season about to start any Atlas worker finding a heronry please contact me for a heronry recording card.

Ayrshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) are seeking information on a range of farmland Species, such as Tree Sparrow. Roger Hisset is the person to contact for further details

