

ATLAS - AYRSHIRE

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Taking part in the ATLAS is a unique way of leaving a record of your interest and concern for the birds of Britain.

By providing information you will be helping the cause of conservation while leaving a personal record of your contribution

Along with the work done for previous ATLASES the evidence obtained now will chart changes in the status of the birds in the U.K. at the start of the 21st century.

Please help this great effort

Atlas website

The atlas website and paperwork are 'up-and-running'.

Log onto www.birdatlas.net

If you have not yet tried it you will find it user-friendly.

When you register you will be given a user name which is used to book your selected tetrad or Roving Record.

Ayrshire has thirty 10km squares.

Each of these can be viewed on the website as a map or an aerial photo or a hybrid (map+ photo) and at different scales.

For those who do not use the internet phone me expressing your interest and I will do the rest.

Suggestions

Every walk you take, every outdoor trip with friends or with your club will produce Roving Records. Submit these to the RO.

Besides noting the birds, record the date, and the 10km square and if possible the tetrad.

If you do not know the 10km square your record is for, note the nearest place and the RO can then help identify it.

The Atlas in Ayrshire

Ayrshire has thirty 10km squares.

We need as many Roving Records from each of these 10km squares as possible, continuing over the 4 years of the Atlas.

Each of these 10km squares has up to 25 tetrads (group of four 1km squares).

We need 8 tetrads in each 10km squares surveyed for 2 hours winter and 2 hours in breeding season over the 4 years of the Atlas.

This will mean approximately 240 tetrads surveyed once in the 4 years, or 60 tetrads per year.

Book on-line or phone me with your preferred tetrad and I will do the rest, I will register you and provide you with all relevant information.

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The Survey -

Roving Records – RR's

Over the four-year life of the Atlas any sighting of birds in Ayrshire can be submitted as a Roving Record – RR

These RR's can soon be submitted on-line or on paper to the Regional Organizer

You will need to know the 10km square to which your records relate. This can be identified using the website or by phoning the RO.

It is also very useful (but not essential) to identify the tetrad.

RR's are the easiest way to contribute to the work of The Atlas

Timed Tetrad Visits – TTV's

In some ways TTV's are more demanding than RR's though in terms of surveying they are not overly taxing.

Select a tetrad from the website or phone the RO.

You will be given a user name and the selected tetrad will be allocated to you.

You can survey your tetrad in winter, in the breeding season or both.

In winter the tetrad is surveyed for two 1 hour timed visits, noting birds using the tetrad.

In the breeding season the tetrad is surveyed for two 1 hour visits, noting birds using the tetrad and noting signs of breeding.

Terminology :

Roving Records - RR's records which are submitted on-line or on paper of any bird sightings in any of Ayrshire's 10km squares.

Tetrads 4 x 1km squares (or 2 x 2km) squares. There are up to 25 tetrads in each 10km square

Timed Tetrad Visits – TTV's a more intense survey limited to one tetrad for two 1 hour visits in winter or in the breeding season, or both.

Website –visit www.birdatlas.net for registration and full explanation of the ATLAS and how you can help.

Regional Organizer- manages the allocation of tetrads and acts as liaison for those who do not work on-line.

**To achieve complete coverage for
the ATLAS Ayrshire needs your help!**