



Forestry Commission

Woodland bird research priorities - Workshop

8th of December,
Monk Bar Hotel, York.

Defra & Forestry Commission



Purpose of the day....

Scotland

Scottish Government target: S3 Abundance of Terrestrial Breeding birds

Scottish Forestry Strategy

The woodland breeding birds index forms a part of a terrestrial breeding birds indicator of trends in abundance (published as a Scottish Biodiversity Strategy indicator). It includes separate component indices for woodland, farmland and upland species.

Wales

WAG Environment Strategy for Wales

Indicator - Trends in Wild birds population index.

England

PSA Delivery Agreement 28: Secure a healthy natural environment for today and the future:

ETWF outcome for 2020:

19 The populations of woodland birds are increasing, with no woodland specialists in serious decline. Other major groups of woodland species, such as bats, butterflies and flowering plants, are showing similar positive trends. Targeted work is being undertaken to help conserve other rare and vulnerable priority species.





Woodland Bird Index- developing a woodland bird index for breeding birds in Scotland by extending the sampling scheme used by the British BBS.

FCS/SNH/FR/BTO 2006-2010 (2010)

Repeat Woodland Bird survey. Analysis of habitat associations of key species

RSPB/BTO/NE/FC/Defra/ NT Complete 2009

Repeat Woodland Bird Survey. Comparison of 1980s/current habitat associations.

RSPB, 2009

Review of resource requirements of woodland birds, diet, nesting, status etc

RSPB/BTO/DEFRA, 2009

Monitoring the effectiveness of FCE WGS (East Midlands Region)

FCE/RSPB, 2009

Effects of thinning in commercial conifer plantations on breeding bird abundance and diversity in the North of Scotland

Highland Birchwoods /BTO/NPP, 2007

Repeat Woodland Bird Survey. Long term changes in the populations of Woodland Birds.

Defra/WT/EN/FC, 2006



Aim- support achievement of country policy statements by refining understanding of research requirements and prioritising those research requirements.