



# LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR  
LONDON BIRD REPORT  
PHOTOGRAPHIC EDITOR



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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
(LNHS)**

is a Registered Charity.

**London Bird Report (LBR) Photographic Editor**

We are looking for a new Photographic Editor, as the current Editor is standing down after completion of the 2023 London Bird Report (due to be published in May 2025).

We would like to hear from people with an interest in nature who are sympathetic to the objectives of the Society and have wide experience in selecting and editing high-quality photos.

The retiring Editor is very keen to ensure a complete and successful handover and is happy to make the new appointee familiar with all stages of the selection process.

If you are interested, or would like further information, please email Mike Trier: [lbrdesign@lnhs.org](mailto:lbrdesign@lnhs.org)

**NOTE:**

This is a **VOLUNTARY POSITION**  
as are all other positions in the LNHS.

The deadline for receipt of applications is  
30th June 2025.

A job description and a full specification are on pages 3-5.  
For further information about the LNHS, see page 6.



## LBR PHOTOGRAPHIC EDITOR: JOB DESCRIPTION

The role involves gathering and collating a number of suitable images from contributors, to be used in this annual publication. All photographs are provided free of charge.

The photos should provide a cross-section of the birding year in London, and a number of them should be short-listed for two dramatic cover images that are selected by members of the Editorial Board using a voting system.

With reference to the latest version of the text, captions are drafted to accompany the photographs.

The final selection is sent, together with the spreadsheet of images and captions, to the Designer.

The successful applicant will become a member of the LBR Editorial Board and attend regular Editorial Board meetings.

We would like to hear from people with a keen interest in the London birding scene, who understand the basics of what makes a good bird photograph, and who ideally can leverage and maintain a network of contributing photographers.

### Recent front-cover images



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## LBR PHOTOGRAPHIC EDITOR: FULL SPECIFICATION

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To be responsible for all aspects of sourcing, selecting, preparing and captioning photographs for use within the main part of the LBR, and also on the covers.

To participate in meetings of the LBR Editorial Board, provide input as appropriate and liaise with board members as required on the production of the report.

### **Specific tasks**

Source high-quality photos of birds taken within the LNHS recording area for the relevant year, bearing in mind the requirement for a cohesive mix of subject and content, ranging from detailed portraits of familiar species and breeding birds of interest to scarcer visitors and vagrants.

Select up to 50 images from the main selection received, taking into account species featured in recent previous LBRs to keep overlap to a minimum, and provide Designer with a 'Definite' and a 'Possible' list of images to be used.

Prepare the photos for publication by editing images as required (including eg cropping, colour correction, adjusting sharpness, levels, contrast etc), resizing to 300dpi and outputting as CMYK TIFF files.

Send selected photos with identifying captions (species, date, location, photographer) on DVD to Designer.

Write full captions to length for 'Definite' photos. Write full captions for 'Possible' photos selected by Designer.



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## FULL SPECIFICATION, CONTINUED

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Identify any selected photos where record is not on database. Send details to Systematic List Editor and to Recorders.

Check photo reproduction and captions on Designer's draft proofs and amend/approve as necessary.

Check photo reproduction and captions on printer's final PDF proof, and sign off once any amendments have been actioned.

Prepare list of photographers whose images have been used and send spreadsheet with contact details (postal and email addresses) to General Editor for sending complimentary copies.

## ABOUT THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1858

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The London Natural History Society (or LNHS as it is commonly known) is a local natural history society within the UK concerned with recording the wildlife of London within a circular area of 20-miles radius from St. Paul's Cathedral. The Society's aims are to foster the appreciation and study of London's wildlife and natural environment, and to assist in the conservation of wildlife in the London area by helping to record London's wildlife.

The LNHS consists of a number of active sections. This results in a highly varied programme of talks, organised nature walks and other activities. The variety and number of events for members make the LNHS one of the most active nature societies in the world which is run entirely by volunteers. Whether it is purely for recreation, or to develop field skills for a career in conservation, the LNHS offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Beginners are welcome at every event and gain access to the knowledge of some very skilled naturalists.

On top of its varied public engagement, the LNHS also has a raft of publications free to members. The London Naturalist is its annual journal, with scientific papers as well as lighter material such as book reviews. The annual London Bird Report is an important compilation of bird records during a year. Furthermore, there is a quarterly newsletter, which carries many field trip reports and useful announcements, and a six-monthly illustrated Programme of events and information.

The LNHS maintains its annual membership at a modest level, representing fantastic value for money.

### FIND OUT MORE

Website: [www.lnhs.org.uk](http://www.lnhs.org.uk)

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Twitter: @LNHSoc and @LondonBirdClub

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