



LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR
LONDON BIRD REPORT
PAPERS EDITOR



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**LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
(LNHS)**

is a Registered Charity.

We are seeking applications for the position of
PAPERS EDITOR

for the London Bird Report (LBR)

to take over from the current Papers Editor and commencing in
May 2025 with the London Bird Report for the year 2024.

Vacancy posted 11th April 2025.

NOTES

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

REQUIREMENTS

We consider that the successful applicant should have
excellent editing skills and a good understanding and knowledge
of birds and subjects relating to them.

For further details, see the **JOB DESCRIPTION** opposite.

TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION, PLEASE EMAIL

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PAPERS EDITOR - JOB DESCRIPTION

A CONTINUOUS POSITION IN THE LNHS

The Papers Editor commissions authors to prepare text on a variety of subjects within a specified timescale, sends them drafts of the edited text for approval, estimates the length of each paper based on word-count, then sends the final text together with any illustrative material to the Designer for preparing page layouts.

Some papers are on annual subjects, such as the Ringing Report; some are on current topics; and some are the results of long-term surveys, for example. A list of papers from the last three years is on page 4.

All papers refer to the LNHS Recording Area, 'The LNHS Area', which is defined as a circle of 20-miles radius from St Pauls Cathedral - see the map on page 5.

The work involves:

- Communicating with authors about potential submissions;
- Assessing articles for relevance to the LBR;
- Co-ordinating production of the papers by the authors in line with the the schedule for producing the LBR;
- Copy-editing and formatting articles to the LBR house style in order to assess the probable number of pages - including any illustrations (photos and/or graphics) submitted by the author;
- Submitting the final text and illustrations (keyed into the relevant text) to the Designer;
- Proofing page layouts of the articles completed by the Designer;
- Attending quarterly meetings (currently Zoom meetings) of the LBR Editorial Board (of which you will become a member).

PAST PAPERS OF THE LAST THREE YEARS

The following papers from LBR 2021, 2022 and 2023 are listed in page order and give examples of the varied nature of the papers.

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2022

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MAP OF THE LONDON AREA

LNHS Area map. In the LNHS Area, 374 species of bird have been recorded in an apparently wild state since 1900. Of these, 227 were recorded during the year 2023 and written up for the London Bird Report.



LNHS Area map with locations of some well-known bird-watching sites. Boundary sites give an indication of the extent of the LNHS Area. A grey background shows a built-up area. (Contains Ordnance Survey data ©Crown copyright and database rights 2012)

THE LONDON BIRD REPORT EDITORIAL BOARD

The London Bird Report (LBR) is an outstanding example of an annual, ornithological publication which has been published since 1936. It is currently a handsome 256-page publication and counts amongst its editorial team some of the best known names in London and the home counties as well as people who are personalities on the wider British scene.

The authoritative publication brings together the efforts of professional ornithologists and casual bird watchers to produce an annual distillation of bird records in the recording area of the London Natural History Society (a 20-mile radius of St Pauls Cathedral). See map on page 5.

The core of the LBR is the systematic accounts compiled by a team of volunteers who carve up the accounts between them using records submitted by hundreds of observers. In addition in the LBR there are a numbers of papers including Ringing Reports, reports of Surveys, site-specific accounts and a mix of other popular and scientific papers. The LBR is elegantly designed to show tables and graphical data to best effect and is a full colour publication with use of photographs and illustrations. Many people volunteer to take on a range of tasks from copy editing to the compilation of species accounts and the commissioning and editing of papers. The work is overseen by a strong LBR Editorial Board. The LBR for 2023 will be published in May 2025.



ABOUT THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1858

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Bluesky: London Natural History Society @lnhs.bsky.social

Instagram: London Natural History Society @thelondonnaturalhistorysociety

Facebook: London Natural History Society Forum and London Natural History Society page

YouTube: London Natural History Society channel

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