



LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR
MIDDLESEX AREA BIRD RECORDER
OF LONDON BIRD CLUB (part of the LNHS)



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is a Registered Charity.

**We are seeking applications for the position of
MIDDLESEX AREA BIRD RECORDER
for the London Bird Club (part of the LNHS)
to take over from our late Recorder who had held the role
since October 2011.**

NOTES

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

REQUIREMENTS

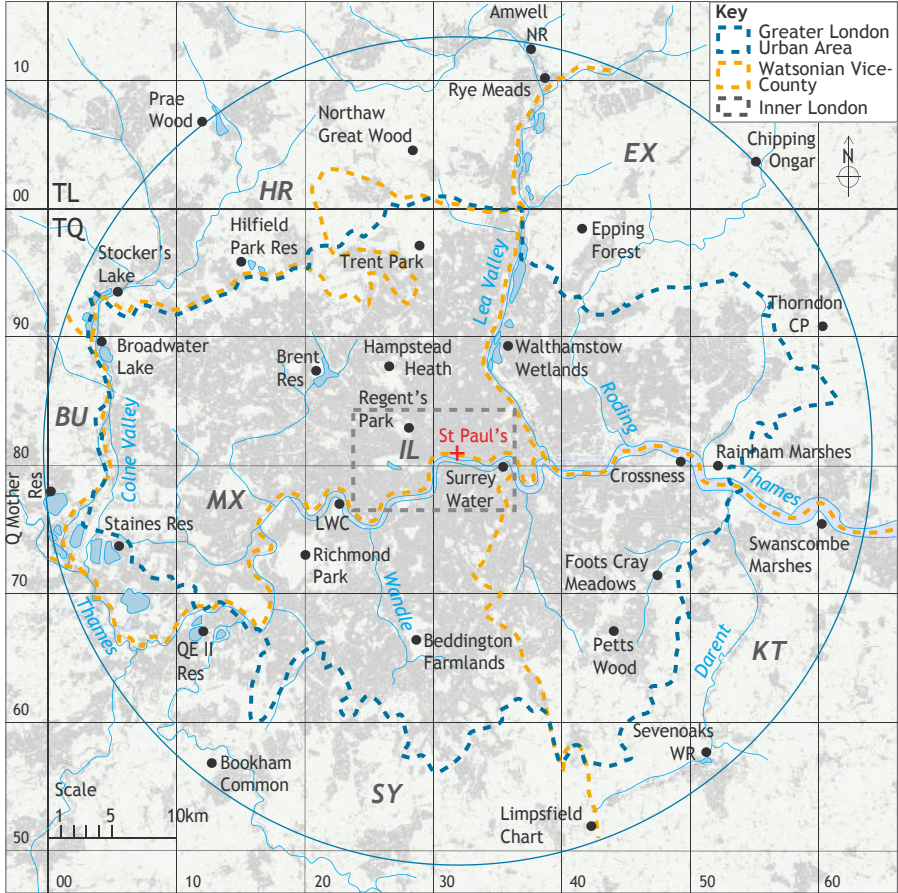
We consider that the successful applicant(s) should have good skills in handling data and the use of spreadsheets, and also be familiar with the birds of the London Area (a circle of 20 miles radius from St Paul's Cathedral) and specifically of the Watsonian Vice-County of Middlesex (MX) - see the map opposite.

For further details, see the JOB DESCRIPTION on page 3.

TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION, PLEASE EMAIL

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Secretary of the London Bird Club
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MAP OF THE LNHS RECORDING AREA



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)

MIDDLESEX BIRD RECORDER

A CONTINUOUS POSITION IN THE LNHS

JOB DESCRIPTION

The LNHS has several Area Recorders who collect records within the LNHS recording area. Sean Huggins had been doing this job for our Middlesex area for nearly 13 years when he sadly passed away in 2024. We are looking for someone who might be interested in taking on this role.

The main priorities are: to receive records from people; record them on an Excel spreadsheet; and forward them once a year to our Data Manager, who compiles the data on which the London Bird Report (an annual journal of the LNHS) is based. You may need to email some regular contributors to chase records.

Communications to the post-holder will be via a generic email address:

birdrecmidx@lnhs.org.uk

This is to prevent personal data on the LNHS website or in publications from being compromised. We shall need your permission to set this up, please.

If this position interests you, or you would like to know more, please contact the LBC Secretary (details on page 1.)

EXAMPLE OF BIRD RECORDING FORM

B	C
	Instructions for filling in the Form
A SPECIES	Please use the BTO names (and specify them in full). They are listed in the "Common name" column of the sheet named Checklist, which also indicates the rarities for which a description is required.
B Location	If possible, please use locations from the LBC Gazetteer. (See the Gazetteer sheet.) Relevant additional information can be given in the Notes. If there is no suitable LBC location, please give full details and a grid reference in column I. Note: the Gazetteer contains some locations that are outside the LBC area. These are included to help clarify where the boundaries occur - and to avoid suggestions of new locations beyond the boundary!
C Date	Date of the observation. If present for more than one day, give the first date here and the last one in the next column. For breeding surveys please use 1 June as the "notional date". You should find that Excel formats the dates automatically for you as "day month year" e.g. 1 June 2021.
D LastDate	Enter the last date here for birds that were present for longer than one day.
E Number	Number of birds: this can be exact (e.g.42), or a range (e.g. 10-15), a minimum (e.g. 50+), or an approximation (e.g. c20), or simply "present" or "several". However, try to be exact if possible.
F NumberType	Please use this column to indicate if the Number column contains numbers of pairs or numbers of territories. (A blank entry will be taken to mean that it contains the number of individual birds.)
G Observer	Name(s) to be used in the LBC Report. Please enter as Surname, followed by initials, and then a comma before any additional names. (For example, Smith JS, Jones T)
H UsualName	Name that the observer normally uses (e.g. Tom Jones instead of Jones T) for us to use in correspondence or when checking for duplicate records from other sources.
I Breeding	BTO code(s) for evidence of possible, probable or confirmed breeding. For example, NE for nest and eggs. The codes are in a drop-down list. Details are in the Breeding Criteria sheet.
J Notes	Further information about the sighting e.g. behaviour, age and sex of the bird(s), more precise details of location, time of day, weather etc.
K GridRef	Please supply an Ordnance Survey grid reference for any location not in the LBC Gazetteer.
	Once you have completed the form, please save it on your computer, and send it to the relevant LBC Sector Recorder or to the LBC Data Manager.
	(See https://lnhs.org.uk/index.php/about-us/contact-us for their email addresses)

FIELDS ON THE BIRD RECORDING FORM

as listed above

A SPECIES - B Location - C Date - D LastDate - E Number - F NumberType -
G Observer - H UsualName - I Breeding - J Notes - K GridRef

The complete form can be downloaded from the LNHS website at
https://lnhs.org.uk/images/documents/LBC/LBC2023/LBCBirdRecordingForm_2022.xls

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.

FIND OUT MORE

Website: www.lnhs.org.uk

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx8DQybWBQYxbEdLNA3kfCg>

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