



HOS Bird Race

April 24th–May 9th 2010 and Bird Atlas (April–July 2010)

HOS is organising a bird race again this year for a bit of fun and to raise some money for the Hampshire Wildlife Trust's Kingfisher Appeal (<http://www.hwt.org.uk/pages/kingfisher-appeal.html>). An application form is printed on the next page and can also be downloaded from the HOS web site (<http://www.hos.org.uk>). Please complete and return to me at the address below.

The rules are as follows (see also the Notes which follow the entry form). One day is defined as midnight to midnight and not any 24 hour period. For teams with two or three members, birds that are seen or heard can be counted providing, all of the team have seen or heard the bird and have agreed on the identification. For teams with four members, at least three of the team must have seen or heard the bird and have agreed on the identification, and all members of the team should remain within shouting distance of each other. You must have your feet within the Hampshire County Boundaries.

The birds must be obviously 'wild' and in Category A or C of the official Hampshire List (online at <http://www.hos.org.uk/checklist.htm>).

For teams taking part in Option 4 all birds that are seen or heard only by any member of the team can be counted. The team does not have to stick together or be out in the field on the same date. It is a team effort to cover as many tetrads as possible by your chosen method.

The organiser's decision will be final on any disagreements.

Please make cheques payable to the *Hampshire Ornithological Society*. Return form and cheque to: Simon Ingram, 149 Monks Way, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 5BG

Closing date for entries for Options 1 & 2: Saturday 17th April 2010.

Closing date for entries to Option 3: It is anticipated you can enter on the day, as forms and checklists will be available at your favourite nature reserve.

Closing date for entries to Option 4: Saturday 20th March 2010.

Simon Ingram

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APPLICATION FORM

TEAM NAME	
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TEAM MEMBERS *See Note 1	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	

RACE OPTIONS *See Note 2	1	COUNTY WIDE RACE	
	2	LOW CARBON RACE	
	3	LOCAL / AREA RACE	
	4	BIRD ATLAS 10km square:	Square Name:

RACE DATE *See Note 3	
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FEES *See Note 4	Team members (2-4)	Race Option (1, 2, 3 or 4 dependant)	TOTAL
	x	£ per person	= £

Every £10 donation raises £200 towards the HWT Kingfisher Appeal - see page 4 for more details

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NOTES

Note 1 (The Teams)

Each Team must consist of a minimum of two and maximum of four members. The majority of the Teams will be self forming but should anyone not be able to find a team then please contact Simon Ingram (see below).

Note 2 (The Race Options)

1. County Wide Race - Record as many species as possible in the County of Hampshire. The current record stands at 151 species recorded in a single day. This was achieved in May 1994 by Betton, Clark, Collman and Eyre. You may set your own target for the day of say 50 or 100 species. If you want to break the record then a lot of homework will need to be done and then hope you are lucky on the day!
2. Low Carbon Race - Record as many species as possible in the County of Hampshire, but on foot, by bike or using public transport. If you want to emulate the Great Simon Woolley and stay green, then choose this category. Lycra optional!
3. Local/Area Race – Record as many species as possible during a day at your favourite Nature Reserve, such as Blashford Lakes or Keyhaven Marshes. (To be advised nearer time).
4. Bird Atlas- Choose an Ordnance Survey Grid 10km square and try to visit as many tetrads (2km squares) within it. Enter your crucial records in to the Bird Atlas using the standard Roving Records Forms. A scoring system will be devised from the number of tetrads visited, the average number of species recorded in the tetrads and the total number of species recorded in the 10km square.

Note 3 (Your Team's Race Date)

Please contact the organiser the day before you intend to take part in the race. This will enable you to choose the weather conditions to suit but will stop any multiple attempts. If you feel you need another attempt an extra fee may be asked for!

Note 4 (Entrance Fees)

The recommended amount would be £10 per person taking part in **Option 1**; £3 per person taking part in **Options 2 & 3**; £5 per person taking part in **Option 4**. The fee for taking part in **Option 1** includes an additional mileage surcharge for those using cars. All surplus fees will be donated to the HWT Kingfisher Appeal (information online at: <http://www.hwt.org.uk/pages/kingfisher-appeal.html>).

HWT Kingfisher Appeal

Every £1 Donated Raises £20!

Kingfishers are one of this country's most iconic birds associated with our rivers. But nationally kingfishers are a cause of concern and are coded as 'amber' on the national list of 'Birds of Conservation Concern'. The Itchen Navigation has the potential to be a stronghold for these birds, but major efforts are needed to create more potential breeding sites and territories

By participating in the Hampshire Bird Race you will support the HWT Kingfisher Appeal to raise money to restore neglected habitats along the Itchen Navigation, an important wetland corridor between Southampton and Winchester.

Visit your favourite HWT reserve and see how many species you can see in one day!!

Organised Events being held at:

Blashford Lakes
April 24th – May 9th 2010

Farlington Marshes
May 1st - Booking essential.

Winnall Moors
(Date to be advised)

Park at the reserve of your choice and list the birds your team record on foot from that starting point.