

# FIVE MINUTE BIRD COUNT STANDARD DATA FILE FORM

Observer	Date	General location	Specific location
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Line number
Station number
Grid ref (Easting, 7 digits)
Grid ref (Northing, 7 digits)
Start time (24 hour)
Temperature (1-6)
Wind (0-3)
Other noise (0-2)
Sun (minutes)
Precipitation type (N,M,R,H,S)
Precipitation value (0-5)

Species	Seen	Heard	Seen	Heard	Seen	Heard	Seen	Heard

**Sun (0-5)** Record approximate duration, in minutes, of bright sun on the canopy immediately overhead

**Seen and Heard** Birds that are first heard should be entered under H (even if they are later seen), birds that are first seen should be entered under S. Adding H and S should give the total number of birds observed

**Time 24 hour clock, at the beginning of each count**

**Unbounded** Counts are unbounded

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| <p><b>Temperature</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 freezing &lt; 0°C</li> <li>2 cold 0-5 °C</li> <li>3 cool 6-10 °C</li> <li>4 mild 11-15 °C</li> <li>5 warm 16-22 °C</li> <li>6 hot &gt; 22 °C</li> </ol> | <p><b>Wind</b> The average for each five-minute count on a modified Beaufort scale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Leaves still or move without noise (Beaufort 0 and 1)</li> <li>1 Leaves rustle (Beaufort 2)</li> <li>2 Leaves and branches in constant motion (Beaufort 3 and 4)</li> <li>3 Branches or trees sway (Beaufort 5, 6 and 7)</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Precipitation type</b></p> <p>Average for each count</p> <p>N None<br/>M Mist<br/>R Rain<br/>H Hail<br/>S Snow</p>   | <p><b>Precipitation value</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 None</li> <li>1 Dripping foliage</li> <li>2 Drizzle</li> <li>3 Light</li> <li>4 Moderate</li> <li>5 Heavy</li> </ol>  |