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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY

Bird Surveys

Type of Survey	Most Suitable Time of Year
Breeding Bird Survey	3 surveys undertaken between March and August
Wintering Bird Surveys	3 surveys undertaken between September and February
Nesting Bird Survey	Undertaken immediately prior to vegetation removal/construction
Vantage Point (VP) Survey	36 hours per VP over the breeding and/or wintering period

Legislation

All UK birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended which protects them from killing and injury as well as protecting the eggs and nests from damage and destruction. Some species have additional protection which makes it an offence to disturb these species while they are nesting, this ranges from the building of a nest until the young fledge.

Breeding Bird Surveys/Wintering Bird Surveys

These surveys follow the guidance within the Common Bird Census and are usually used to determine which species are present within and adjacent to the site. Three surveys are usually conducted over the breeding season which runs from March to July/August or the wintering season from September to February depending upon the habitats and the type of development. These surveys are heavily weather dependant.



Nesting Bird Surveys

These are used to check for individual birds which are nesting, or in the process of nesting construction on a site. This is usually conducted immediately prior to activities such as vegetation clearance commencing on the site. If birds are breeding then work cannot commence until the young have fledged.

Vantage Point Surveys

Vantage Point (VP) surveys can be required prior to the construction of wind turbines to determine commuting routes over the area and therefore the species and numbers which may be impacted. These can be carried out throughout the year but may be required over specific periods depending on the site location.