



NWWT Bird Race 2024 - Info Pack

After 5 years, the NWWT Bird Race is Back! Choose your region for the day and join family, friends, and fellow birders and race to find the highest number of different bird species from our reserves.

This is an opportunity for people of all ages and skill levels to get involved. Not only do you get outdoors surrounded by amazing wildlife, but also allow important records to be collected via Cofnod.

How it works

Choose a region to visit for the day, and form a team to go birdwatching with. Over the course of 24 hours, see how many different bird species you can see from NWWT reserves!

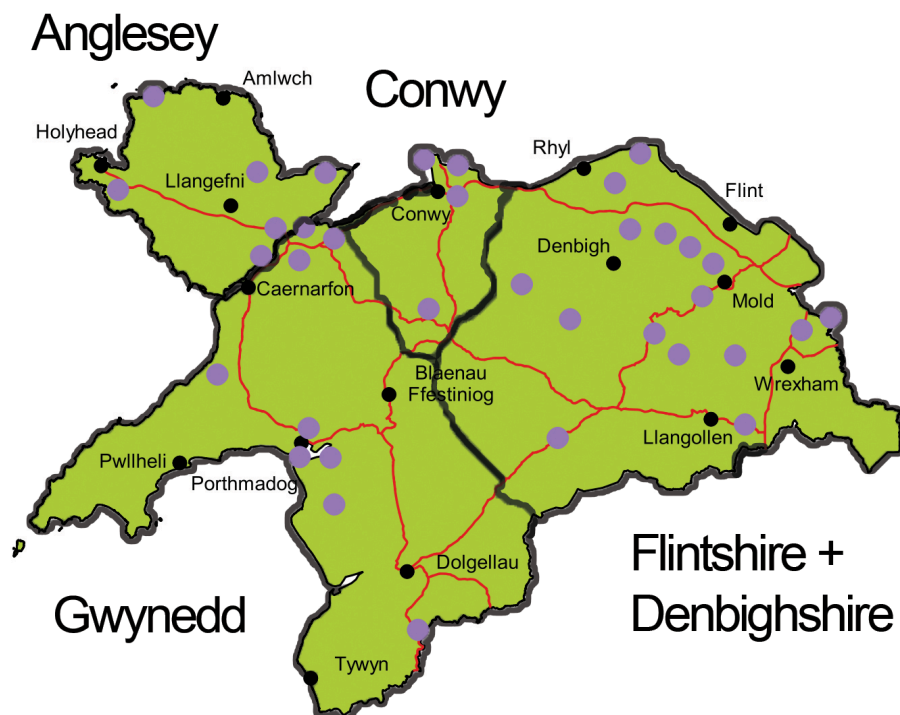
Choose your time

- The race will take place on **Saturday 18th May**, with it lasting from 00:01 am, to 11:59 pm for a total of 24 hours.

Different species will be active during different hours of day, dawn, and dusk, with some even seen at night! Plan your strategy to find as many different species as possible within the 24 hours.

Choose your location

Choose from one of 4 geographical regions to take part in.



Anglesey

- **Reserves:** Caeau Pen y Clip, Cemlyn, Coed Porth-aml, Cors Goch, Mariandyrys, and Porth Diana.

Gwynedd

- **Reserves:** Abercorris, Caeau Tan y Bwlch, Coed Crafnant, Eithinog, Gwaith Powdwr, Morfa Bychan, Nantporth, Spinnies Aberogwen, and Traeth Glaslyn.

Conwy

- **Reserves:** Bryn Pydew, Cors Bodgynydd, Gogarth, and Rhiwledyn.

Flintshire + Denbighshire

- **Reserves:** Aberduna, Big Pool Wood, Blaen-y-Weirglodd, Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Coed Trelynniau, Coed y Felin, Cors-y-Sarnau, Ddol Uchaf, Gors Maen Llwyd, Graig Wylt, Maes Hiraddug, Marford quarry, Minera Quarry, Old Pulford Brook Meadows, Pisgah Quarry, and Y Graig.

- Within the 24 hours, you can travel to as many reserves as you want **within your region**.
- You can **only** visit the reserves within your chosen region for the race.

Try visiting multiple reserves as some birds prefer certain habitats, such as coasts, meadows, or heathland.

To minimise carbon emissions, we encourage you to choose the region closest to you.

Choose your birding team

The bird race is open to anyone and everyone! Birds and wildlife can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels

- Teams must be made up of at least 3 people, but with no upper limit
 - If you have a large group, consider breaking into smaller teams for the event.

Go birding!

Now you're all ready to go have fun and see how many different species you can spot! To get a bit of inspiration, look at all the different bird species that were seen during the last NWWT Big Bird Race in 2019: <https://www.cofnod.org.uk/birdrace>.

Submitting results

After finding all your birds, submit your results via Cofnod! Please complete this before **6pm Sunday 19th May** for your results to be added to any leaderboards!

To find out how to submit your sightings, follow the directions in the attached guidance sheet from Cofnod, which was sent along with this information pack.

NOTE: Please register with Cofnod before Thursday 16th May to check there aren't any problems with logging in. It is crucial that you register a team name with Cofnod and an email address for the person who will be entering the data.

Rules for participants

- At least two-thirds of the team has to have heard/seen the bird for it to count
- Team members are required to stick together and not split up for the duration of the race
- Final results must be submitted by 6pm Sunday 19th May to be recognised for the event
- Only wild birds that are confidently identified by sight or sound can be counted. No domestic birds or poultry are allowed.
- This event relies on trusting participants to honestly record only the species they see and hear, but NWWT and Cofnod reserves the right to query any rare or unseasonal sightings.
- Each species is worth one point in your final scoring. There are no bonus points for rarities or scarce birds.
- For a species to count, it has to have been seen whilst the whole team is on a NWWT reserve.
- Teams are required to be respectful of the reserves, nature, and birds they see.
- Teams must be respectful towards each other and other members of the public.

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