

## NWWT Bird Race 2026 - Info Pack

After a short hiatus, the NWWT Bird Race is Back! Choose your NWWT reserves for the day and join family, friends, and fellow birders and race to find the highest number of different bird species on or around 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 you will also contribute to important wildlife records via Cofnod, the North Wales Local Environment Record Centre.

### How it works

Choose your reserves to visit for the day (see the 36 reserves listed at bottom of this document) and form a team to go birdwatching with. Over the course of 24 hours, see how many different bird species you can see on or from NWWT reserves!

### Plan your time

- The race will take place on **Saturday 30th May 2026**, lasting for a total of 24 hours from 00:00 am to 11:59 pm.

Different species will be active during different hours of dawn, day and dusk - with some even heard at night, if you can stay awake! Plan your strategy to find as many different species as possible within 24 hours. Within that time, you can travel to as many reserves as you want. 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 areas of reserves 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 2 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! Record all bird species seen on each reserve visited and keep a note of the total bird species seen throughout the day.

Optional – Take a team picture or selfie and send to [luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) along with your team name to be included in our social media post (and maybe the winning team picture!).

## Submitting results

After finding all your birds, submit your results via Cofnod! **Please complete this before the end of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for your results to be included in the results posted on our social media on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

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

**NOTE: Please register with Cofnod before Thursday 28/05/2026 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.**

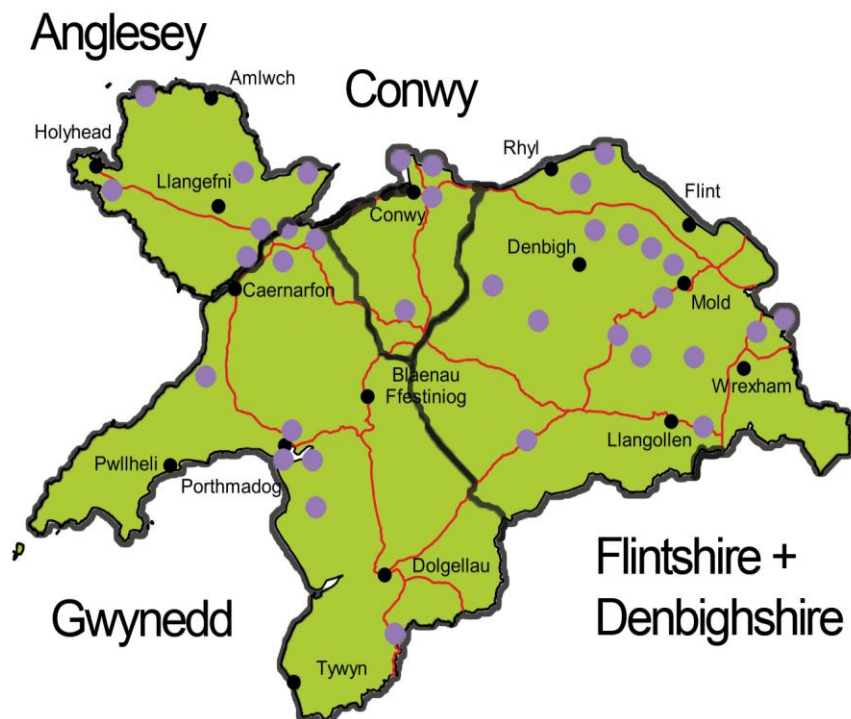
# Rules

- Teams are required to be respectful of the reserves and other visitors, and not to cause disturbance or distress to any birds or other wildlife.
- Follow on site guidance and signage.
- Park in designated areas, making sure not to block any access.
- Both members of the team have to have heard or seen the bird for it to count.
- Team members are required to stick together and not split up for the duration of the race.
- Only wild birds that are confidently identified by sight or sound can be counted. No domestic birds or poultry are allowed.
- For a species to count, it has to have been seen whilst the whole team is on a NWWT reserve, but birds seen outside the reserve are allowed to be counted.
- Teams must be respectful towards each other and other members of the public.
- 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.
- Final results must be submitted before the end of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June to be recognised for the event, giving participants the week following the event to enter their data.

## NWWT Reserves

<https://www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves>

Anglesey	Conwy	Gwynedd	Denbighshire	Flintshire	Wrexham
Caeau Pen Y Clip	Blaenyweirglodd	Abercorris	Coed Cilygroeslwyd	Aberduna	Marfod Quarry
Cemlyn	Bryn Pydew	Bryn Ifan	Gors Maen Llwyd	Big Pool Wood	Minera Quarry
Coed Porth-aml	Rhiwledyn	Caeau Tan y Bwlch	Graig Wylt	Coed Trellyniau	Old Pulford Brook Meadows
Porth Diana	Cors Bodgynydd	Coed Crafnant	Maes Hiraddug	Coed y Felin	Pisgah Quarry
Cors Goch	Gogarth	Cors-y-Sarnau	Y Graig		
Mariandrys		Eithinog			
		Gwaith Powdwr			
		Llyn Celanedd			
		Morfa Bychan			
		Nantporth			
		Traeth Glaslyn			



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