

Notes on the Breeding Birds Survey Form

The Form has the names of 67 species which breed or possibly breed. These are the same names, arranged in the same order as the birds in the new guide, **Birds and Mammals of the Falkland Islands**, which should make it easy to find the species that you want. They are grouped into Seabirds, Waterbirds, Shorebirds, Birds of Prey, Aerial feeders and Smaller Landbirds. Since this is a breeding birds survey, the names of common non-breeding birds, such as the Pale-faced Sheathbill and White-rumped Sandpiper are not included.

How to use the BBS Form

Date(s) Please write the date of your observations or when the period started, in the form shown: 1st November 2005 would be entered as **01/11/2005**.

Observation period Please write the length of time over which you made observations, for instance, **one day, two weeks, three years** etc.

Grid Square Please use the map on the back of the form or a GPS if you have one, to identify your position and write it in the appropriate space on the form.

Collecting the records If you consider that a bird or birds are in a place where they could nest, you have evidence of **POSSIBLE BREEDING**. Please tick against its name and number in **Column 1**.

Always tick **Column 1** when you record **PROBABLE OR CONFIRMED BREEDING**

If you see a bird singing in one area, displaying, visiting a probable nest site or nest building, you have evidence of **PROBABLE BREEDING**. Please write **S, D, N** or **B**, in **Column 2**.

A used nest, birds distracting you from a nest site or an adult on a nest, a nest with eggs or young birds mean that you have **CONFIRMED BREEDING**. Please write the appropriate letters (**UN, DD, NE, NY** etc) in **Column 3**.

NOTE: Column 3 entries are the most valuable records; please try to confirm breeding.

If you can count the numbers of pairs please enter on the form in **Column 4**

Introduced animals Introduced animals have serious negative impacts upon breeding birds. Please mark the species observed against the list provided, with any comments that you think would be useful.

Why do this Survey ?

We still know relatively little about Falkland bird distribution. Several aspects of the Falklands have changed since the previous survey and we want to understand the effects of these changes on the birds.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Please return completed forms to:
FALKLANDS CONSERVATION, Jetty Centre, PO Box 26, Stanley

FALKLANDS CONSERVATION BREEDING BIRDS SURVEY

Observer(s)					Farm or Island	
Date(s) / /					Observation period	
Breeding Species	No.	1	2	3	4: Numbers	GRID SQUARE
King Penguin	1					
Gentoo Penguin	2					
Rockhopper Penguin	3					
Macaroni Penguin	4					<u>COLUMN 1: POSSIBLE BREEDING</u>
Magellanic Penguin	5					Tick for birds in possible nesting area
Black-browed Albatross	6					
Southern Giant Petrel	7					
Fairy Prion	8					
Thin-billed Prion	9					<u>COLUMN 2: PROBABLE BREEDING</u>
White-chinned Petrel	10					Use one of the following code letters
Great Shearwater	11					S Singing male
Sooty Shearwater	12					T Bird holding territory
Wilson's Storm Petrel	13					D Display/agitated behaviour
Grey-backed Storm Petrel	14					N Bird visiting probable nest site
Common Diving Petrel	15					B Nest-building
Rock Shag	16					
Imperial/King Shag	17					
Chilean Skua	18					
Falkland Skua	19					
Dolphin Gull	20					<u>COLUMN 3: CONFIRMED BREEDING</u>
Kelp Gull	21					
Brown-hooded Gull	22					Very important ! Use the following codes for evidence of breeding
South American Tern	23					
White-tufted Grebe	24					UN Used nest found
Silvery Grebe	25					DD Distraction display
Black-crowned Night Heron	26					NE Nest & eggs or adult sitting tight
Black-necked Swan	27					AF Adult with food for young
Coscoroba Swan	28					NY Nest & young or downy young
Feral Domestic Goose	29					FD Adult carrying faecal droppings
Upland Goose	30					FY Fledged young birds
Kelp Goose	31					
Ashy-headed Goose	32					
Ruddy-headed Goose	33					
Flightless Steamer Duck (Logger)	34					
Flying Steamer Duck	35					<u>COLUMN 4: NUMBERS</u>
Crested Duck	36					Enter estimated number of PAIRS if known OR use the following letters
Speckled Teal	37					A 1-10 pairs
Chiloe Wigeon	38					B 11-100 pairs
Yellow-billed Pintail	39					C 101-1000 pairs
Silver Teal	40					D 1000+ pairs
Cinnamon Teal	41					
Red Shoveler	42					
White-winged Coot	43					
Magellanic Oystercatcher	44					
Blackish Oystercatcher	45					
Two-banded Plover	46					
Rufous-chested Dotterel	47					<u>INTRODUCED ANIMALS</u>
Magellanic Snipe	48					Give estimated numbers below, or write 'none'
Turkey Vulture	49					CATS domestic & feral
Variable (Red-backed) Hawk	50					RATS Brown/Norway
Striated Caracara	51					RATS Black/Ship
Southern Caracara	52					HOUSE MICE feral
Peregrine Falcon	53					HARES
Barn Owl	54					RABBITS
Short-eared Owl	55					Patagonian FOXES
Chilean Swallow	56					
Barn Swallow	57					
Tussacbird	58					
Dark-faced Ground-tyrant	59					
Falkland Pipit	60					
Falkland Grass Wren	61					
Cobb's Wren	62					
Falkland Thrush	63					
Black-throated/Canary-winged Finch	64					
Long-tailed Meadowlark	65					
Black-chinned Siskin	66					
House Sparrow	67					