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## 1. Summary

- 1.1.1 Welsh Government proposes to build a new section of motorway to the south of Newport, Gwent. The proposals, including a range of Complementary Measures, are known as M4 Corridor around Newport (M4CaN) and will hereinafter be referred to as "the Scheme". The proposed new section of motorway would be located between Castleton to the west and Magor to the east, extending approximately 23 km west to east (see Figure 1).
- 1.1.2 RPS commissioned Thomson Ecology on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to undertake wintering bird surveys of five transect sections and two vantage points across the proposed new section of motorway. These were to supplement the previous surveys undertaken by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited over the winter of 2014-15.
- 1.1.3 Hyder Consulting (UK) previously undertook surveys of seven transects. Five of these were within the Gwent Levels and the other two were at the western and eastern ends of the proposed new section of motorway. By agreement with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) this further survey focussed on the Gwent Levels sections of the route. Five wintering bird survey transects were undertaken on a monthly basis between October 2015 and March 2016, inclusive, omitting Hyder's Sections 1 and 7 and with an amended boundary between Sections 3 and 4. A list of qualifying species was recorded, mapped and counted. This was based on the list previously used by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited in the 2014-15 surveys. All other species were recorded as incidental records.
- 1.1.4 The vantage point surveys were undertaken at the River Ebbw and River Usk, also on a monthly basis between October 2015 and March 2016, inclusive. Vantage point methodology largely followed Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) guidelines, with amendments as per the previous surveys undertaken by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited in 2014-15. Raptors, waders, wildfowl and gulls were recorded in flight and all other species were recorded during hourly point counts.
- 1.1.5 During the transect and vantage point surveys, four Severn Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) Annex 1 Qualifying Species were recorded; curlew, pintail, redshank and shelduck.
- 1.1.6 During the transect and vantage point surveys, eight Severn Estuary SPA Assemblage Species were recorded; gadwall, wigeon, lapwing, teal, mallard, shoveler, pochard and tufted duck.
- 1.1.7 During the transect and vantage point surveys, eleven species listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) were recorded: pintail, hen harrier, peregrine, black-tailed godwit, green sandpiper, kingfisher, bearded tit, Cetti's warbler, fieldfare, redwing and brambling. These species are afforded additional protection during the breeding season; wintering populations receive no additional protection.
- 1.1.8 Pond 1 and the nearby reens (ditches) in Section 3 (TATA) supported several species of waterfowl including peak counts for the survey of pintail, shelduck, gadwall, teal and pochard and lower numbers of shoveler, mallard and tufted duck (see Figures 5f, 6f, 7f, 8f, 9f and 10f). The sludge beds in Section 5 also supported waterfowl with a pair of shelduck and peak counts of shoveler and tufted duck (Figures 8c and 9c).



- 1.1.9 During the vantage point surveys, the River Ebbw and River Usk channels were found to be regularly used by commuting gulls (see Figure 3a). Numbers of redshank, teal and wigeon were recorded at the River Ebbw during both vantage point and transect surveys (see Figures 2 and 3b); with peak counts for the survey of 102 redshank (Figure 7b) and 43 wigeon (Figure 10b).
- 1.1.10 During transect and vantage point surveys, a range of species listed on the Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) Red and Amber Lists and under Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 were also recorded and these are detailed in the report. Incidental species recorded included buzzard and sparrowhawk.



## 2. Introduction

#### 2.1 Development Background

2.1.1 Welsh Government proposes to build a new section of motorway to the south of Newport, Gwent. The proposals, including a range of Complementary Measures, are known as M4 Corridor around Newport (M4CaN) and will hereinafter be referred to as "the Scheme". The proposed new section of motorway would be located between Castleton to the west and Magor to the east extending approximately 23 km west to east (see Figure 1).

## 2.2 Ecology Background

- 2.2.1 A desk study and wintering bird survey were undertaken for the proposed new section of motorway by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited between September 2014 and April 2015. The wintering bird surveys included both transect surveys and vantage point surveys at proposed river crossing points at the Rivers Usk and Ebbw.
- 2.2.2 The desk study (Hyder, 2015) identified two Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and one Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar site and Important Bird Area (IBA) within 5 km of the proposed new section of motorway, and 12 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) within 2 km of the proposed new section of motorway. These included:
  - Severn Estuary SPA, Ramsar Site, IBA, and SSSI;
  - Gwent Levels SSSIs: St Brides SSSI, Nash and Gold Cliff SSSI, Whitson SSSI, Rumney and Peterstone SSSI, Redwick and Llandevenney SSSI, and Magor and Undy SSSI;
  - River Usk SSSI;
  - Newport Wetland SSSI;
  - Magor Marsh SSSI;
  - Rectory Meadow SSSI; and
  - Rogiet and Penhow Woodlands SSSI.
- 2.2.3 The Hyder transect surveys recorded a range of over-wintering bird species including a number of qualifying species for the adjacent Severn Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA). Severn Estuary SPA Annex 1 qualifying species recorded included curlew (*Numenius arquata*), pintail (*Anas acuta*), redshank (*Tringa tetanus*), and shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*). Eight of the species listed on the Severn Estuary SPA assemblage qualification were also present; these included gadwall (*Anas strepera*), wigeon (*Anas penelope*), lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*), teal (*Anas crecca*), mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), pochard (*Aythya farina*) and tufted duck (*Aythya fuligula*).
- 2.2.4 The results of the Hyder vantage point surveys showed that the River Ebbw and River Usk were used by a variety of species. Severn Estuary SPA Annex 1 qualifying species recorded included ringed plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*), curlew, dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), redshank, and shelduck. Five of the species listed on the Severn Estuary SPA Assemblage qualification were also recorded, these included gadwall, wigeon, lapwing, teal, and mallard.



2.2.5 A summary of the conservation status and legal protection of these species is given in Annex A.

## 2.3 The Brief and Objectives

- 2.3.1 RPS commissioned Thomson Ecology on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to undertake wintering bird surveys of selected transects and vantage points previously surveyed by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited in 2014-15. Hyder Consulting (UK) previously undertook surveys of seven transects. Five of these were within the Gwent Levels and the other two were at the western and eastern ends of the proposed new section of motorway. By agreement with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) this further survey focussed on the Gwent Levels sections of the route.
- **2.3.2** The brief included the following:
  - wintering bird transect surveys on six occasions at monthly intervals from October 2015 to March 2016, inclusive;
  - wintering bird vantage point surveys at two locations, where the proposed motorway route crosses the River Usk and the River Ebbw, on six occasions at monthly intervals from October 2015 to March 2016, inclusive;
  - a report on the survey giving the methods and results of the survey; and
  - a digitised map of the survey results.
- 2.3.3 For each of the six visits, transects and vantage points within the survey area were to be covered by a team of five surveyors over a two day period. However due to access restrictions an additional person was required to undertake the Cuckoo Bridge Road transects for Visits 5 and 6 in February and March 2016 respectively.

#### 2.4 Limitations

- 2.4.1 For all transect survey visits access could not be arranged to the land parcels 215a, 215h, 215p, 215j or to two small areas of Section 5; one of these was overgrown with scrub and another had an inaccessible track. These access restrictions are shown in Figure 1.
- 2.4.2 On some visits certain transect sections or parts of sections were inaccessible. These were:
  - Visit 4 (January 2016): Section 5 at Cuckoo Bridge Road (see Figures 8b-c);
  - Visit 5 (February 2016): Section 3 (TATA) around Pond 1 and the reens (drains), (see Figure 9e-f); and
  - Visit 6 (March 2016): parts of Sections 5 and 6 (See Figures 10a-c).
- 2.4.3 On Visit 5 (February 2016) part of Section 5 at the Cuckoo Bridge Road had to be completed the day after the rest of the transect surveys (18<sup>th</sup> February as opposed to 17<sup>th</sup> February) due to access restrictions. This might have led to some double-counting of birds.
- 2.4.4 It rained on five out of six transect survey visits and two out of six vantage point survey visits.
  This should not have affected waterfowl counts but may have affected raptor and passerine counts. Weather is not as important a factor in wintering bird surveys as in breeding bird surveys



- as mapping of singing birds is not required, so this should not have significantly affected the results of the survey.
- 2.4.5 Where possible, six point counts were carried out during vantage point surveys, however on some visits fewer were undertaken. This is not felt to be a major limitation. See Section 3.2.5 of this report and Annex E for more details.

## 2.5 Surveyors

- 2.5.1 The surveyors were Janine Burnham MRes BSc (Hons), Justin Groves BSc (Hons) GradCIEEM, Stephen Hewitt BSc (Hons), Crona McMonagle MSc BA (International), Michal Ostalowski MSc (Hons) BSc (Hons), Emily Power MSc BSc (Hons) GradCIEEM, Emily Wallace MSc BSc (Hons) GradCIEEM.
- 2.5.2 All surveyors are competent bird surveyors with experience of carrying out wintering bird surveys in the UK.



## 3. Methodology

## 3.1 Transect Surveys

3.1.1 Five wintering bird survey transects were undertaken on six occasions between October 2015 and March 2016, inclusive. Surveyors noted the bird species present within the footprint of the proposed new section of motorway and up to 500 m from the boundary of the footprint (see Figure 2 and Figures 5 to 10). Surveys were undertaken on the same day by utilising a high number of surveyors (a minimum of five people) to allow for consistency and to limit double counting. Where possible, each survey visit took place during a six-hour window centred on high tide (i.e. three hours either side of high water). The transect surveys times, tide times and weather conditions recorded on each survey visit are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Transect Survey Times, Tide Times and Weather

Visit No.	Month	Day	Date	Transect Survey Times	High Tide	Weather Conditions
1	Oct 2015	Thu	22/10/15	11:35 - 17:35	14:35	Rain, 11°C, light breeze.
2	Nov 2015	Tue	17/11/15	07:30 - 13:30	10:05	Rain, 14°C, light wind.
3	Dec 2015	Thu	17/12/15	07:45 - 13:45	10:45	Rain, 13°C, light breeze.
4	Jan 2016	Mon	18/01/16	10:24 - 16:24	13:24	Rain, 6°C, light breeze.
5	Feb 2016	Wed	17/02/16	11:11 - 17:11	14:11	Rain, 6°C, light breeze.
6	Mar 2016	Wed	16/03/15	09:26 - 15:26	12:26	Dry, 8°C, light breeze.

- 3.1.2 As far as possible, transects followed those undertaken by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited in 2014-15 with the survey area split into seven sections. Sections 1 and 7 were excluded from the brief as RPS had agreed with NRW that repeat surveys were unnecessary in these areas as the focus was on the Gwent Levels section of the route. Due to access and health and safety issues, Sections 3 and 4 were altered; being split into TATA Steel and non-TATA Steel owned land. These sections are named Section 3 (TATA) and Section 4 (non-TATA) throughout this report. All survey sections can be seen on Figure 1.
- 3.1.3 The transects were surveyed both by walking them and viewing open areas from set locations. The surveyors prioritised viewing as many fields and open areas as possible to locate any groups of wildfowl and waders that were present. All surveyors walked their transects from west to east to avoid double-counting birds.



- 3.1.4 During each survey the following target bird species were recorded and counted and their activity noted:
  - species which form the qualifying features of the Severn Estuary SPA and Ramsar site:
  - species afforded protection under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended);
  - waterfowl species which form part of the qualifying features of the SSSIs within 2 km of the proposed new section of motorway;
  - birds listed as priority species for Wales under Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006; and
  - 'Red list' and 'Amber list' bird species within the RSPB 'Birds of Conservation Concern'.
- 3.1.5 This target species list is provided in Annex A. The list was updated in December 2015 when the updated Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) was published and twenty species were added to the red list (Eaton et al. 2015).
- 3.1.6 A list was also compiled of all other bird species recorded but these species were not counted or mapped. These incidental records are provided in Annex B.

#### 3.2 Vantage Point Surveys

- 3.2.1 The proposed new section of motorway would involve the construction of road bridges at the River Ebbw and River Usk. As in the previous surveys undertaken by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, monthly vantage point surveys were carried out at these locations. These surveys were to locate any large groups of feeding or roosting waterfowl and to identify any well-used bird flyways along the rivers that could potentially be disrupted by construction of the proposed bridges.
- 3.2.2 The vantage point surveys were undertaken on six occasions; once a month between October 2015 and March 2016 inclusive. The methodology largely followed that undertaken previously by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited. This is a slight variation on standard vantage point survey methodology recommended by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) for use at wind farm sites (SNH 2014).
- 3.2.3 The surveys were undertaken across a full tidal cycle (i.e. six hours between high water to low water or vice versa alternated between months where possible). The vantage point survey dates, tide times and weather conditions are provided in Table 2 below.



Table 2: Vantage Point Survey Times, Tide Times and Weather (Times in **bold** are high tides)

Visit No.	Month	Day	Date	Survey Times	Tide State	Tide Times	Weather Conditions
1	Oct 2015	Fri	23/10/15	9:45 - 16:15	Low to High	09:45 - <b>16:05</b>	Dry, 10°C, light breeze.
2	Nov 2015	Mon	16/11/15	09:30 - 15:58	High to Low	<b>9:30</b> - 15:50	Rain, 12°C, light wind.
3	Dec 2015	Wed	16/12/15	10:00 - 16:28	High to Low	<b>10:00</b> - 16:28	Rain, 7°C, light breeze.
4	Jan 2016	Tue	19/01/16	08:17 - 14:45	Low to High	8:17 - <b>14:39</b>	Dry, 1°C, calm.
5	Feb 2016	Thu	18/02/16	09:23 - 15:51	Low to High	9:23 - <b>15:29</b>	Dry, 4°C, calm.
6	Mar 2016	Tue	15/03/16	11:24 - 17:52	High to Low	<b>11:24</b> - 17:52	Dry, 6°C, light breeze.

- 3.2.4 On each survey visit, the vantage points were watched for two periods of three hours, with half an hour break in between (i.e. six hours per survey visit). Although the previous survey by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited used the same target species list (see Annex A) for vantage point surveys as for transect surveys this was not deemed practical as it would mean trying to identify and map small passerines in flight at a considerable distance. Therefore for vantage point flight recording only raptors, wildfowl, waders and gulls were recorded. Flight-paths of these target species were mapped and the average flight heights and durations were recorded.
- 3.2.5 Ideally, once an hour during each vantage point survey visit, a point count was undertaken recording all other species and any birds not in flight. However the point counts were omitted during Visit 1 to the River Usk vantage point in October 2015 and only five were undertaken at the Rivers Usk and Ebbw on Visit 3 in December 2015 and Visit 5 in February 2016. This is not a major limitation as the point counts were intended to record mainly incidental records of species of secondary importance. With the exception of Visit 1 to the River Usk (in October 2015), when no point counts were undertaken and therefore some non-target species might have been missed, all species seen or heard during vantage point surveys were recorded during either flight recording or point counts.
- 3.2.6 During vantage point Visit 4 in January 2016 and Visit 6 in March 2016 all non-target species and perched birds were recorded systematically throughout the first three hours of survey (i.e. Point Count 1) and again throughout the second three hours of survey (i.e. Point Count 2). This produced more complete species lists than six separate point counts and more closely followed



- standard vantage point methodology whereby non-target species and perched birds are recorded throughout the survey at five minute intervals (SNH, 2014).
- 3.2.7 As visibility from the vantage points was not comprehensive, surveyors spent approximately 45 minutes to an hour per day walking a short transect either side of the vantage point locations. Again this followed the methodology previously used by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited.
- 3.2.8 As in the previous survey by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, flight-paths of gulls were only recorded along the river corridors. This was because of very high gull numbers and flight activity around the landfill site at the River Ebbw.



## 4. Results

- 4.1.1 A summary of all transect survey results is presented in Figure 2 and Annex C. The transect survey results for the six visits from October 2015 to March 2016 are shown on Figures 5 to 10. The highest peak monthly counts for each species in each transect section are given in Table 4 below.
- 4.1.2 Vantage point survey results for the River Ebbw are presented in Figures 3 and 11 and Annex D.
  Vantage point survey results for the River Usk are presented in Figures 4 and 12 and Annex D.
- 4.2 Severn Estuary SPA Annex 1 Qualifying Species
- 4.2.1 The Severn Estuary qualifies as an SPA under Article 4.2 of the Directive (79/409/EEC) by regularly supporting at least 1% of the biogeographical populations of the following regularly-occurring migratory species during the winter period and on passage; ringed plover (on passage), curlew (over winter), dunlin (over winter), pintail (over winter), redshank (over winter), and shelduck (over winter). Four of these species were recorded during transect and vantage point surveys as described below.

#### Curlew (Numenius arquata)

- 4.2.2 During the transect surveys, small numbers of curlew were recorded. The species was recorded once in Section 1 (Visit 2, November 2015), three times in Section 5 (Visits 1, 4 and 5, October 2015, and Januarary and February 2016), and twice in Section 6 (Visits 2 and 6, November 2015 and March 2016). The peak count was two birds in Section 6 on Visit 2 in November 2015 (Figure 6b).
- 4.2.3 During the vantage point surveys at the River Usk small numbers of curlew were recorded flying through on all of the six visits. Numbers did not exceed two birds on any visit. Curlew was not recorded in flight at the River Ebbw but one individual was recorded during a point count on Visit 1 in October 2015. These numbers were lower than in the previous survey, with Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited recording a peak count of 125 birds flying over at the River Ebbw in February 2015 (Hyder, 2015).

## Pintail (Anas acuta)

- 4.2.4 During the transect surveys pintail was recorded on Pond 1 in Section 3 (TATA) on Visit 3 in December 2015 and Visit 6 in March 2016. One male was present in December and three males and two females were recorded in March (Figures 7f and 10f). Pintail was also recorded at this location in the previous survey by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.2.5 Pintail was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the River Ebbw or River Usk.



#### Redshank (Tringa totanus)

- 4.2.6 During the transect surveys, redshank was recorded mainly in Section 5 along the banks of the River Ebbw (Figure 2). The peak count at this location was 102 on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 7b).
- 4.2.7 During the vantage point surveys, redshank was recorded flying through at both the River Usk and River Ebbw. The peak count of birds in flight was 17 at the River Usk on Visit 1 in October 2015. Flight-paths can be seen in Figures 3b and 4b. Redshank was also recorded using the river channels at the Ebbw and Usk during point counts, with a peak count of at least 100 at the River Ebbw on Visits 2 and 3 in November and December 2015. These counts are lower than those recorded in the previous survey when there was a peak count of 690 at the River Ebbw in December 2014 (Hyder, 2015).

#### Shelduck (Tadorna tadorna)

- 4.2.8 During the transect surveys, shelduck was recorded mainly on Pond 1 in Section 3 (TATA). There were single birds here on Visits 2 and 3 in November and December 2015 and a pair here on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figures 6f, 7f and 10f). A pair of birds was also recorded at the sludge bed in Section 5 on Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9c).
- 4.2.9 During the vantage point surveys, shelduck was recorded once on Visit 5 in February 2016 when two birds were in flight at the River Ebbw (Figure 11e).
- 4.2.10 These numbers were slightly lower than those in the previous survey, when peak counts were four birds in flight at the River Usk in March 2015 and thirteen birds during transect surveys in Section 5 (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.3 Severn Estuary SPA Assemblage Species
- 4.3.1 The Severn Estuary SPA also qualifies under article 4.2 of the Directive (79/409/EEC) by regularly supporting over 20,000 waterbirds in any season. In the non-breeding season, the area regularly supports 93,986 individual water birds (five year peak mean 1991/92-1995/6), including: gadwall, wigeon, lapwing, teal, mallard, shoveler, pochard, tufted duck, grey plover (*Pluvaialis squatarola*), white-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons*) and whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*). Eight of these species were recorded during the survey as described below.

#### Gadwall (Anas strepera)

- 4.3.2 During the transect surveys gadwall was recorded in Section 3 (TATA) on Visits 1, 2, 3 and 6 in October, November and December 2015 and March 2016. There were 17 birds in October, 30 in November, 20 in December and 16 in March. On each of these occasions the birds were flushed from Pond 1 and the wide reen (drain) to the east of it (Figures 5f, 6f, 7f and 10f).
- 4.3.3 These figures are comparable with a peak count of 33 gadwall found in the same section during the previous transect survey in October 2014 (Hyder, 2015).



4.3.4 During the vantage point surveys at the Rivers Usk and Ebbw gadwall was not recorded. Only a single gadwall was recorded at the vantage points in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).

#### Wigeon (Anas penelope)

- 4.3.5 During the transect surveys wigeon was recorded in Section 5 with counts of 27 on Visit 3 in December 2015, seven on Visit 4 in January 2016 and a peak of 43 at the River Ebbw channel on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figures 7b, 8c and 10b). Wigeon was also recorded during transect surveys in Section 5 by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, with a peak count of 25 birds recorded in Section 3 (TATA) (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.3.6 During the vantage point surveys at the River Usk and River Ebbw, wigeon was recorded only on Visit 2 in November 2015 at the River Ebbw during a point count, when three birds were on the river channel. In the previous survey single birds were also recorded in flight at these locations (Hyder, 2015).

#### Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)

- 4.3.7 During the transect surveys lapwing was recorded in Sections 2 and 5 with a peak of 95 birds in Section 5 on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 7b). This was a similar count to the peak of 100 birds recorded during the previous transect survey (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.3.8 Lapwing was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the River Usk or River Ebbw. This differed from the previous survey when the peak count was up to 100 birds flying over and foraging at the River Usk (Hyder, 2015).

## Teal (Anas crecca)

- 4.3.9 During the transect surveys teal was recorded in Section 3 (TATA) on all six survey visits with a peak of 111 birds on Visit 4 in January 2016 (Figure 8f). Birds were often flushed from the large reens in Section 3 (TATA) section (Hyder, 2015). The peak count was similar to the peak count of 102 here in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.3.10 Teal was also recorded in Section 2 (Visit 5 in February 2016), Section 4 (Non-TATA) (Visit 1 in October 2015), and Section 5 (Visits 5 and 6, February and March 2016).
- 4.3.11 During the vantage point surveys small numbers of teal were recorded in flight at both the River Usk and River Ebbw, but most were flushed from the bank of the River Ebbw during point counts. The maximum count at the River Ebbw was 75. This is similar to the peak count of 79 here in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).

#### Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)

4.3.12 During the transect surveys mallard was recorded on all six survey visits. The peak count was 107 birds in Section 6 on Visit 2 in November 2015 (Figures 6a and 6b). A lower peak mallard count of 60 birds was also in Section 6 in February 2015 during the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).



4.3.13 During the vantage point surveys mallard was recorded at both the River Ebbw and River Usk vantage points on all six survey visits (Figures 3 and 4). The peak count at the River Usk was 33 birds during a point count on Visit 4 in January 2016 and the peak count at the River Ebbw was at least 30 birds during a point count on Visit 3 in December 2015. These were slightly lower counts than the peak of 59 birds at the River Ebbw in December 2014 (Hyder, 2015).

## Shoveler (Anas clypeata)

- 4.3.14 During the transect surveys small numbers of shoveler were regularly recorded in Section 3 (TATA) at Pond 1 and the adjacent reens, with a peak count of seven on Visit 2 in November 2015 (Figure 6f). These numbers are similar to those recorded in this section in the previous survey when six was the peak count here (Hyder, 2015). Shoveler was also recorded at the sludge bed in Section 5 on Visits 4 and 5 in January and February 2016 when there were 16 birds present on both occasions (Figures 8c and 9c).
- 4.3.15 As in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015), shoveler was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the Rivers Usk or Ebbw.

#### Pochard (Aythya farina)

- 4.3.16 During the transect surveys three pochard flew over Section 3 (TATA) on Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9d) and five were on Pond 1 here on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figure 10f). Twenty-eight were recorded in the same section in January 2015 during the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.3.17 As in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015), pochard was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the Rivers Usk or Ebbw.

## Tufted duck (Aythya fuligula)

- 4.3.18 During the transect surveys tufted duck was recorded on Visits 1, 4, 5 and 6 in October 2015 and January, February and March 2016 in Section 3 (TATA), Section 4 (non-TATA), and Section 5 (Figure 2). The peak count was ten birds in Section 5 on Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9c). In Section 3 (TATA) five birds were on Pond 1 on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figure 10f).
- 4.3.19 As in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015), pochard was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the Rivers Usk or Ebbw.

#### 4.4 Schedule 1 Species

4.4.1 Eleven species listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) were recorded during the surveys. These species are given additional protection during the breeding season only and wintering populations receive no additional protection. Table 3 below provides a summary of these records.



Table 3: Schedule 1 species recorded during the 2015/16 Wintering Bird Survey

Common Name	Scientific Name	Description
Pintail	Anas acuta	Recorded in Section 3 (TATA) during the transect surveys. See Figures 7f and 10f and report sections 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 above.
Hen harrier	Circus cyaneus	Single "ringtail" (female or immature male) birds were recorded in Section 3 (TATA) and Section 4 (non-TATA) sections during the transect surveys on Visit 3 in December 2015 and Visit 4 in January 2016. See Figures 7d and 8d.
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	During transect surveys single birds were recorded in Section 2 on Visit 1 in October 2015 (Figure 5f) and Section 5 on Visit 2 in November 2015 (Figure 6d) and Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9b). During vantage point surveys one was recorded at the River Ebbw on Visit 1 in October 2015 (Figure 11a).
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	Recorded at the River Ebbw vantage point. See Figure 11f and report section 4.5.7 and 4.5.8 below.
Black-tailed godwit	Limosa limosa	Recorded at the River Ebbw vantage point. See Figure 11f and report section 4.5.9 below.
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	During transect surveys one was recorded in Section 4 (non-TATA) on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 7e) and one in Section 5 on Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9b). During vantage point survey point counts one was at the River Ebbw on Visit 3 in December 2015.
Bearded tit	Panurus biarmicus	During transect surveys three birds were recorded in Section 2 on Visit 1 in October 2015 (Figure 5g).
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	During the transect surveys Cetti's warbler was recorded in all sections with a peak count of 12 singing males in the reedbeds in Section 3 (TATA) on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figures 10d and 10e). During the vantage point survey point counts single Cetti's warblers were recorded at the River Ebbw vantage point on Visit 1 in October 2015 and Visits 4 and 5 January and March 2016.



Common Name	Scientific Name	Description
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	Fieldfare was recorded in all transect survey sections with a peak count of 140 birds in Section 2 on Visit 2 in November 2015 (Figure 6g).
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	Redwing was recorded in all transect survey sections with a peak count of 195 in Section 5 on Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9c).
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	One brambling was recorded in Section 4 (non-TATA) on Visit 2 in November 2016 (Figure 6d).

## 4.5 Other Target List Waterfowl

#### Mute swan (Cygnus olor)

- 4.5.1 During the transect surveys, mute swan was recorded on all survey visits with a peak count of 84 swans in Section 6 on Visit 5 in February 2016 (Figure 9b). This was similar to the peak count of 86 in the same section in January 2015 (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.5.2 During the vantage point surveys at the River Ebbw, mute swan was recorded on every survey visit with a peak of 43 birds during a point count on Visit 2 in November 2015. This peak count was lower than that recorded in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015). Mute swan was not recorded at the River Usk vantage point. Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited recorded a peak count of two mute swans at the River Usk during the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).

#### Greylag goose (Anser anser)

- 4.5.3 During the transect surveys a peak count of 80 greylag geese flew over Section 3 (TATA) on Visit 1 in October 2015 (Figure 5f). Thirteen birds were at Section 4 (non-TATA) on Visit 2 in November 2015 (Figure 6e). These counts were higher than the peak counts in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.5.4 As in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015), greylag goose was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the Rivers Usk and Ebbw.

#### Oystercatcher (Haematopus ostralegus)

- 4.5.5 During the transect surveys oystercatcher was recorded in Section 5 on Visit 6 in March 2016, with four birds counted at and near the River Ebbw (Figure 10b).
- 4.5.6 During the vantage point surveys, two birds flew over the River Ebbw on Visit 6 in March 2016 at a height of less than 20m (Figure 11f). These findings were near identical to those of the last report when the peak count was also four birds during point count in Section 5 along the River Ebbw (Hyder, 2015).



#### Green sandpiper (Tringa ochropus)

- 4.5.7 A total of two were recorded in 2014 during the previous transect surveys (Hyder, 2015). None were recorded during the 2015/16 transect surveys.
- 4.5.8 During the vantage point surveys at the River Ebbw, one green sandpiper was recorded on Visit 6 in March 2016. It was in flight at a height of less than 20 m (Figure 11f).

Black-tailed godwit (Limosa limosa)

4.5.9 During the vantage point surveys at the River Ebbw black-tailed godwit was recorded once when seven birds flew over on Visit 6 in March 2016 at a height of approximately 20 m (Figure 11f). This species was not recorded at the River Usk vantage point or during the transect surveys. Only one black-tailed godwit was recorded during the previous vantage point survey by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited (Hyder, 2015).

Snipe (Gallinago gallinago)

4.5.10 During the transect surveys snipe was recorded on all survey visits with a peak count of ten in Section 6 on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 10b). At the River Ebbw vantage point, two snipe flew over on Visit 1 in October 2015 (Figure 11a) and one flew over on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 11c). These counts were lower than in the previous survey when the peak count was 50 birds during a transect survey in Section 4 (Hyder, 2015).

Woodcock (Scolopax rusticola)

4.5.11 Two woodcock were recorded in Section 3 (TATA) during the transect survey on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 7e).

Gulls (Laridae)

- 4.5.12 Four gull species were recorded during the transect surveys and vantage point surveys. These were herring gull (*Larus argentatus*), black-headed gull (*Croicocephalus ridibundus*), lesser black-backed gull (*Larus fuscus*) and great black-backed gull (*Larus marinus*). There were large numbers of gulls associated with the landfill site on the east bank of the River Ebbw. As stated above (report section 3.2.8), during the vantage point survey, gulls were only recorded in flight along the river channels.
- 4.5.13 The peak herring gull count in flight during the vantage point surveys was approximately 300 birds at a height of approximately 15 m at the River Ebbw on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 11c). During point counts the peak count was over 400 birds at the River Ebbw on Visit 1 in October 2015. On the transect surveys, the peak count was 208 birds in Section 2 also on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figures 7f and 7g). These counts are very similar to peak counts in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.5.14 The peak black-headed gull count was 73 birds in flight at the River Usk on Visit 2 in November 2015 and the peak count at the River Ebbw was 300 birds during a point count on Visit 3 in



- December 2015. During the transect surveys the peak count was 300 birds in Section 2 on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 7f).
- 4.5.15 The peak lesser black-backed gull count in flight during the vantage point surveys was six birds at the River Usk on Visit 3 in December 2015 and visit 6 in March 2016 (Figure 12c and 12f). During point counts the peak was 52 birds at the River Usk, also on Visit 6 in March 2016. Four lesser black-backed gulls were recorded at the River Ebbw during a point count on Visit 1 in October 2015. These counts are considerably lower than the peaks of 150 birds flying along the River Ebbw channel during the previous surveys (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.5.16 The peak great black-backed gull count during the vantage point surveys at the River Usk was four during a point count on Visit 6 in March 2016. The peak at the River Ebbw was 20 birds during a point count on Visit 1 in October 2015. During the transect surveys, only one great black-backed gull was recorded; in Section 2 in October 2016 (Figure 5g).
- 4.6 Non-Target List Waterfowl

Canada goose (Branta canadensis)

- 4.6.1 During the transect surveys, a peak count of 46 Canada geese flew over Section 6 on Visit 2 in November 2015 (see Annex B).
- 4.6.2 During the vantage point surveys at the Ebbw River, the peak count was 45 flying over on Visit 3 in December 2015 at a height of less than 20 m (Figure 11c). There were also 23 at the Ebbw River during a point count in January 2016. Canada goose was not recorded at the River Usk vantage point.
- 4.6.3 These peak counts were higher than the peak counts in the previous survey (Hyder, 2015).

Water rail (Rallus aquaticus)

- 4.6.4 Water rail was recorded during the transect surveys in Section 4 (non-TATA) on Visit 2 in November 2015 and in Section 3 (TATA) on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Annex B); with single birds recorded on both occasions. Water rail was not recorded during the vantage point surveys.
- 4.6.5 These numbers are lower than during the previous surveys when a peak count of three birds was recorded on a transect survey in Section 3 (Hyder, 2015).



#### Little egret (Egretta garzetta)

- 4.6.6 During the transect surveys, incidental records of little egret were recorded on Visits 1, 2, 3 and 6 in October, November and December 2015 and March 2016 with a peak count of three birds flying over Section 5 in November 2015 (see Annex B).
- 4.6.7 During the vantage point surveys, little egret was recorded on all six visits at the River Ebbw. The peak number of birds in flight was five birds at a height of approximately 30 m on Visit 3 in December 2015 (Figure 11e) and the peak count was twelve birds feeding in the river channel during a point count on Visit 3 in December 2015.
- 4.6.8 The peak little egret count on the previous surveys by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited was ten birds during vantage point surveys (Hyder, 2015).

#### Little grebe (Tachybaptus ruficollis)

- 4.6.9 During the transect surveys, one little grebe was recorded in Section 3 (TATA) on Visit 6 in March 2016 (see Annex B). Little grebe was not recorded during the vantage point surveys at the River Usk or River Ebbw.
- 4.6.10 These results were similar to the previous survey when the peak count was one little grebe during transect surveys (Hyder, 2015).

#### Grey heron (Ardea cinerea)

- 4.6.11 During the transect surveys, grey heron was recorded on Visits 1, 2 and 3 in October, November and December 2015 with a peak count of three in Section 2 on Visit 2 (Annex B). During the vantage point surveys grey heron was recorded at both the River Usk and River Ebbw (Figures 3 and 4) with a peak count of four at the River Ebbw in October 2015 during a point count.
- 4.6.12 A peak count of ten birds was recorded in January 2015 during the previous transect surveys (Hyder, 2015).

## Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)

- 4.6.13 During the transect surveys, incidental records of moorhen were recorded in all sections on Visits 1 and 2 in October and November 2015. The peak count was eight birds in Section 2 in November (Annex B).. During the vantage point surveys, moorhen was only recorded during point counts at the River Ebbw with single birds recorded in October and November 2015 and on Visit 4 in January 2016.
- 4.6.14 The peak count during the previous transect surveys was 26 birds in Section 2 in March 2015 (Hyder, 2015).

Coot (Fulica atra)



- 4.6.15 During the transect surveys coot was not recorded. During the vantage point surveys coot was only recorded at the River Usk where one bird was present durring a point count on Visit 5 in February 2016.
- 4.6.16 The peak count on the previous transect survey was eight birds in Section 5 in December 2014 (Hyder, 2015).

#### Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)

- 4.6.17 During the transect surveys, cormorant was recorded on Visits 2 and 3 in November and December 2015 and on Visit 6 in March 2016 with a peak count of seven birds in Section 5 in December 2015.
- 4.6.18 During the vantage point surveys, cormorant was recorded on Visits 1 to 4 from October 2015 to January 2016 with a peak count of five birds at the River Usk in December 2015 (Figure 12c). The species was recorded at both the River Usk and River Ebbw with flight-heights varying from approximately 5 m to 50 m.
- 4.6.19 During the previous transect surveys the peak cormorant count was six birds (Hyder, 2015).
- 4.7 All Species of Conservation Importance
- 4.7.1 The highest monthly peak counts per transect section of all species of conservation importance are given in Table 4 below. This includes species on the 2015 Red and Amber Lists of Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) (Eaton et al. 2015), priority species under Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 and species listed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).
- 4.7.2 In addition to the records in Table 4, a short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*) was recorded just outside the area of Section 5 during the February 2016 transect survey.



Table 4: Highest monthly counts per transect section of species of conservation importance during the 2015/16 Wintering Bird Survey

Common Name	Scientific Name		Conservati	on Status		Peak Count				
		Red List	Amber List	Sch. 1 (during breeding season only)	Section 42	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (Non- TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Bearded tit	Panurus biarmicus		*	*		3	-	-	-	-
Black-headed gull	Coicocephalus ridibundus		*			300	-	55	64	250
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla			*		-	-	1	-	-
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula		*			4	1	3	2	2
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti			*		1	12	2	1	2
Coal tit	Periparus ater		*			-	1	3	2	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	*			*	1	-	-	1	2
Dunnock	Prunella modularis		*	*		10	1	1	5	2

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Common Name	Scientific Name		Conservati	on Status		Peak Count				
		Red List	Amber List	Sch. 1 (during breeding season only)	Section 42	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (Non- TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris			*		140	100	54	1	11
Gadwall	Anas strepera		*			-	30	-	-	-
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus		*			6	3	1	2	2
Great black- backed gull	Larus marinus		*			1	-	-	-	-
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis		*			-	-	-	2	-
Greylag goose	Anser anser		*			-	80	13	-	-
Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	*				-	-	-	-	1
Hen harrier	Circus cyaneus	*		*		-	1	1	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argenatus	*			*	279	17	113	203	86

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Common Name	Scientific Name		Conservati	on Status		Peak Count				
		Red List	Amber List	Sch. 1 (during breeding season only)	Section 42	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (Non- TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	*			*	8	-	11	12	24
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		*			4	2	2	1	2
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis		*	*		-	-	1	1	-
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	*			*	50	-	-	95	2
Lesser black- backed gull	Larus fuscus		*			3	-	20	16	8
Lesser redpoll	Carduelis cabaret	*			*	-	4	-	1	-
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	*				-	-	-	22	3
Little egret	Egretta garzetta		*			1	-	1	3	-
Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficolis		*			-	1	-	-	-



Common Name	Scientific Name		Conservati	on Status		Peak Count				
		Red List	Amber List	Sch. 1 (during breeding season only)	Section 42	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (Non- TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Long-tailed tit	Aegithalos caudatus		*			9	20	30	11	9
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos		*			39	41	40	79	107
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis		*			9	3	4	-	6
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	*				3	3	2	1	3
Mute swan	Cygnus olor		*			22	9	11	29	84
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus		*			-	-	-	4	-
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus			*		1	-	-	1	-
Pintail	Anas acuta		*			-	5	-	-	-
Pochard	Aythya ferina	*				-	5	-	-	-

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Common Name	Scientific Name		Conservati	on Status		Peak Count				
		Red List	Amber List	Sch. 1 (during breeding season only)	Section 42	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (Non- TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Redshank	Tringa totanus		*			10	-	-	102	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	*		*		54	101	170	9	195
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus		*			4	3	8	4	-
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna		*			-	2	-	2	-
Shoveler	Anas clypeata		*			-	7	-	16	-
Skylark	Alauda aervensis	*		*		1	-	-	2	1
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		*			-	1	6	3	10
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	*			*	2	-	2	2	3
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	*			*	192	9	380	423	1180



Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation Status				Peak Count				
		Red List	Amber List	Sch. 1 (during breeding season only)	Section 42	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (Non- TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Teal	Anas crecca		*			14	111	10	20	-
Wigeon	Anas penelope		*			-	-	-	43	-
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	*				-	2	-	-	-



## 5. Conclusions

## 5.1 Severn Estuary SPA Annex 1 Qualifying Species

5.1.1 During the transect and vantage point surveys, four qualifying species for the adjacent Severn Estuary SPA were recorded. These were curlew, pintail, redshank and shelduck. Curlew was present in small numbers with a peak count of only two birds (Figure 6b). Pintail was recorded at Pond 1 in Section 3 (TATA Steel) with a peak count of five birds (Figure 10f). Redshank favoured the River Ebbw channel with peak counts here of 102 during transect surveys (Figure 7b) and at least 100 during vantage point survey point counts. Small numbers of shelduck also frequented Pond 1 in Section 3 (TATA) with a pair here on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figure 10f). A shelduck pair were also recorded at the sludge bed in Section 5 (Figure 9c).

## 5.2 Severn Estuary SPA Assemblage Species

- 5.2.1 Pond 1 and the adjacent reens (drains) in Section 3 (TATA) proved suitable for a range of Severn Estuary SPA Assemblage species; namely gadwall, teal, mallard, shoveler, pochard and tufted duck. Peak counts of these species in Section 3 (TATA) can be found in Table 4 and in the species accounts in Section 4 of this report.
- 5.2.2 The sludge bed in Section 5 also supported shoveler and tufted duck with overall peak counts for the transect survey of 16 and 10 respectively (Figures 8c and 9c).
- 5.2.3 The other two Severn Estuary SPA Assemblage species recorded were wigeon and lapwing. Like redshank, wigeon favoured the channel of the River Ebbw with a peak count of 43 recorded here during Visit 6 transect surveys in March 2016 (Figure 10b). Teal was also common at the River Ebbw with a peak count of 75 birds recorded here during a vantage point survey point count. Lapwing was recorded during transect surveys in Sections 2 and 5 with a peak count of 95 birds in Section 5 (Figure 7b).

## 5.3 Schedule 1 Species

- 5.3.1 Eleven species listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) were recorded; these species receive additional protection during the breeding season only. No additional protection is afforded to wintering populations. A list of these species can be seen in Table 3.
- 5.3.2 Single hen harriers were recorded in Section 3 (TATA) and Section 4 (non-TATA) (Figures 7d and 8d) while single peregrines were recorded in Sections 2 and 5, and during vantage point surveys at the River Ebbw (Figures 5f, 6d, 9b and 11a). Black-tailed godwit, green sandpiper, bearded tit and brambling were each recorded only once and details are in Table 3.
- 5.3.3 The reedbeds in Section 3 (TATA) supported the highest numbers of Cetti's warbler with a peak count here of 12 singing birds on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figure 10d). Redwing and fieldfare were recorded in all transect survey sections with peak counts of 140 and 195 respectively (Figures 6g and 9c).



#### 5.4 Other Species of Conservation Interest

- 5.4.1 Peak counts of all species of conservation interest can be found in Table 4. This includes species on the 2015 Red and Amber Lists of Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) (Eaton et al. 2015), priority species under Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 and species listed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).
- 5.4.2 Of these species, the gulls were mainly associated with the landfill site at the River Ebbw with commuting flight-lines along the River Ebbw and River Usk. Details can be found in sections 4.5.14 to 4.5.18 of this report. Further waterfowl species accounts can be found in sections 4.5 and 4.6 of this report. A peak count of four kestrels in Section 2 on Visit 1 in October 2015 is notable (Figures 5f and 5g).
- 5.4.3 Notable peak counts of passerine species were:
  - 10 dunnocks (Prunella modularis) on Visit 2 in November 2015 in Section 2 (Figure 6g);
  - 30 long-tailed tits (Aegithalos caudatus) on Visit 1 in October 2015 (Figure 5d) and eight reed buntings (Emberiza schoeniclus) on Visit 6 in March 2016 (Figure 10d) in Section 4 (Non-TATA);
  - 22 linnets (Carduelis cannabina) on Visit 4 in January 2016 in Section 5 (Figure 8c);
  - 24 house sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) on Visit 6 in March 2016 in Section 6 (Figures 10a and 10b); and
  - 3000+ starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) during a point count on Visit 2 in November 2015 at the River Ebbw vantage point.

#### 5.5 Other Species

- 5.5.1 During transect surveys all other species were recorded as incidental records but were not counted or mapped. Flight-lines of some of these species (any raptors, waders, wildfowl or gulls) were also recorded during the vantage point surveys and details of these can be found in Annex D. These included buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) and sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) which were recorded regularly during both transect and vantage point surveys.
- 5.5.2 A list of all incidental records from transect surveys can be found in Annex B.



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# Annex A: Target Species List

Table 5: Target species list with scientific name and conservation and legal protection status

Common Name	Scientific Name	Nerc S42	WCA S1	Red List	Amber List <sup>1</sup>	Severn Estuary	SSSI
Aquatic warbler	Acrocephalus paludicola	x		x			
Arctic skua	Stercorarius parasiticus			х			
Arctic tern	Sterna paradisaea				X		
Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta		х		Х		
Balearic shearwater	Puffinus mauretanicus	х		х			
Barn owl	Tyto alba		х				
Barnacle goose	Branta leucopsis				Х		
Bar-tailed godwit	Limosa lapponica	х			Х		
Bean goose	Anser fabalis				Х		
Bearded tit	Panurus biarmicus		х		Х		
Bee-eater	Merops apiaster		х				
Bewick's swan	Cygnus columbianus	х	х		Х	х	

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## M4 Corridor around Newport (M4CaN)



Common Name	Scientific Name	Nerc S42	WCA S1	Red List	Amber List <sup>1</sup>	Severn Estuary	SSSI
Bittern	Botaurus stellaris	х	х		Х		
Black grouse	Tetrao tetrix	х		х			
Black guillemot	Cepphus grylle				Х		
Black redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		х	х			
Black tern	Chlidonias niger		х		х		
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	х			х		
Black-necked grebe	Podiceps nigricollis		х		х		
Black-tailed godwit	Limosa limosa		х	х			
Black-throated diver	Gavia arctica		х		х		
Black-winged stilt	Himantopus himantopus		х				
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica		х				
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla		х				
Brent goose	Branta bernicla				х		
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	х			х		
Capercaillie	Tetrao urogallus		х	х			



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Caspian gull	Larus cachinnans				х		
Cetti"s warbler	Cettia cetti		х				
Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax	х	x		x		
Cirl bunting	Emberiza cirlus		х	x			
Coal tit	Periparus ater				х		
Common gull	Larus canus				х		
Common sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos				х		
Common scoter	Melanitta nigra	х	х	х			
Common tern	Sterna hirundo				х		
Corn bunting	Emberiza calandra	х		х			
Corncrake	Crex crex	х	х	х			
Crane	Grus grus				х		
Crested tit	Lophophanes cristatus		х				
Crossbills	Loxia spp.		х				
Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	х		х			



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Curlew	Numenius arquata	х		х		х	
Curlew sandpiper	Calidris ferruginea				х		
Dark-bellied brent goose	Branta bernicla subsp. Bernicla	х					
Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata		х		х		
Dipper	Cinclus cinclus				х		х
Dotterel	Charadrius morinellus		х	х			
Dunlin	Calidris alpina alpina				х	х	
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	х			х		
Eider	Somateria mollissima				х		
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris		х	х			
Firecrest	Regulus ignicapilla		х		х		
Fulmar	Fulmarus glacialis				х		
Gadwell	Anas stepera stepera				х	х	
Gannet	Morus bassanus				х		



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Garganey	Anas querquedula		x		х		
Glaucous gull	Larus hyperboreus				х		
Golden oriole	Oriolus oriolus		x	х			
Golden plover	Pluvialis apricaria	х					
Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula				х		
Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis		х				
Grasshopper warbler	Locustella naevia	х		х			
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus				х		
Great northern diver	Gavia immer		х		х		
Great skua	Stercorarius skua				х		
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus		х		х		х
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis				х		
Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		х		х		х
Grey partridge	Perdix perdix	х		х			
Grey plover	Pluvialis squatarola				х	х	



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Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea			x			х
Greylag goose	Anser anser				x		
Guillemot	Uria aalge				x		
Gyrfalcon	Falco rusticolus		х				
Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	х		х			
Hebridean song thrush	Turdus philomelos subsp. Hebridensis			х			
Hen harrier	Circus cyaneus	х	х	х			
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	х		х			
Hobby	Falco Subbuteo		х				
Honey buzzard	Pernis apivorus		х		х		
Ноорое	Upupa epops		х				
House martin	Delichon urbicum				х		
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	х		х			
Iceland gull	Larus glaucoides				х		



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Indet. Diver	Gavia spp.		х				
Indet. harrier	Circus spp.		х				
Jack snipe	Lymnocryptes minimus				х		
Kentish plover	Charadrius alexandrinus		х				
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	х			х		
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis		х		х		х
Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla			х			
Knot	Calidris canutus				х		
Lapland bunting	Calcarius lapponicus		х		х		
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	х		х			
Leach"s petrel	Oceanodroma leucorhoa		х		х		
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus				х		
Lesser redpoll	Carduelis cabaret	х		х			
Lesser spotted woodpecker	Dendrocopos minor	х		х			
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	х		х			



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Little bittern	Ixobrychus minutus		x				
Little gull	Larus minutus		х		х		
Little ringed plover	Charadrius dubius		х				
Little tern	Sternula albifrons		х		х		
Long-tailed duck	Clangula hyemalis		х	х			
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos				х		
Manx shearwater	Puffinus puffinus				х		
Marsh harrier	Circus aeruginosus		х		х		
Marsh tit	Poecile palustris	х		х			
Marsh warbler	Acrocephalus palustris		х	х			х
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis				х		
Mealy redpoll	Carduelis flammea flammea				х		
Mediterranean gull	Larus melanocephalus		х		х		
Merlin	Falco columbarius		х	х			



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Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus			x			
Montagu"s harrier	Circus pygargus		х		х		
Mute swan	Cygnus olor				х		
Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos			х			
Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus	х			х		
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus		х		х		
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus				х		
Parrot crossbill	Loxia pytyopstittacus				х		
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus		х				
Pied flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	х		х			
Pink-footed goose	Anser brachyrhynchus				х		
Pintail	Anas acuta				х	х	
Pochard	Aythya farina			х		х	
Puffin	Fratercula arctica			х			
Purple heron	Ardea purpurea		х				



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Purple sandpiper	Calidris maritima		x		x		
Quail	Coturnix coturnix		х		х		
Razorbill	Alca torda				x		
Red grouse	Lagopus lagopus	х			х		
Red kite	Milvus milvus		х				
Red-backed shrike	Lanius collurio	х	х	х			
Red-necked grebe	Podiceps grisegena			х			
Red-necked phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus		х	х			
Redshank	Tringa tetanus				х	х	
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus				х		
Red-throated diver	Gavia stellate		х		х		
Redwing	Turdus iliacus		х	х			
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	х			х		
Ring ouzel	Turdus torquatus	х		х			
Ringed plover	Charadrius hiaticula	х		х		х	



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Roseate tern	Sterna dougallii	х	х	х			
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax		х	х			
Sand martin	Riparia riparia				х		х
Sanderling	Calidris alba				х		
Sandwich tern	Sterna sandvicensis				х		
Savi"s warbler	Locustella luscinioides		х	х			
Scarlet rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus		х				
Scaup	Aythya marila		х	х			
Scottish crossbill	Loxia scotica		х		х		
Serin	Serinus serinus		х				
Shag	Phalacrocorax aristotelis			х			
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna				х	х	
Shore lark	Eremophila alpestris		х		х		
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus				х		
Short-toed treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla		х				



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Shoveler	Anas clypeata				x		
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	х		х			
Slavonian grebe	Podiceps auritus		х	х			
Smew	Mergellus albellus				х		
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago				х		
Snow bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis		х		х		
Snowy owl	Bubo scandiaca		х				
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	х		х			
Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia		х		х		
Spotted crake	Porzana porzana		х		х		
Spotted flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	x		х			
Spotted redshank	Tringa erythropus				х		
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	х		х			
Stock dove	Columba oenas				х		
Stone-curlew	Burhinus oedicnemus		х		х		



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Storm petrel	Hydrobates pelagicus				х		
Swallow	Hirundo rustica				х		
Swift	Apus apus				х		
Tawny owl	Strix aluco				х		
Teal	Anas crecca				х	х	х
Temminck"s stint	Calidris temminckii		х	х			
Tree pipit	Anthus trivialis	х		х			
Tree sparrow	Passer montanus	х		х			
Tufted duck	Aytha fuligula					х	
Turnstone	Arenaria interpres				х		
Turtle dove	Streptopelia turtur	х		х			
Twite	Carduelis flavirostris	х		х			
Velvet scoter	Melanitta fusca		х	х			
Water pipit	Anthus spinoletta				х		
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe				х		



Common Name	Scientific Name	Nerc S42	WCA S1	Red List	Amber List <sup>1</sup>	Severn Estuary	SSSI
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus		х	х		x	
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra			х			
White-fronted goose	Anser albifrons subsp. Flavirostris	х		х		х	
White-tailed eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla		х	х			
Whitethroat	Sylvia communis				х		
Whooper swan	Cygnus Cygnus		х		х		
Wigeon	Anas Penelope				х	х	
Willow tit	Poecile montanus	х		х			
Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus				х		
Wood sandpiper	Tringa glareola		х		х		
Wood warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	х		х			
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola			х			
Woodlark	Lullula arborea	х	х				
Wryneck	Jynx torquilla		х				



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Yellow wagtail	Motacilla flava	x		х			х
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	х		х			
Yellow-legged gull	Larus michahellis				х		



# Annex B: Incidental Records on Transect Surveys

		Peak Count	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Time and Location
Blackbird	Turdus merula	3	Section 2, Visit 2
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	4	Section 4, Visit 2
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	Various
Canada goose	Branta canadensis	46	Section 6, Visit 2
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	50	Section 6, Visit 2
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	6	Section 2, Visit 2
Collared dove	Streptopelia decaocto	10	Section 6, Visit 2
Coot	Fulica atra	1	River Usk VP, Visit 5
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	7	Section 5, Visit 3
Feral pigeon	Columba livia domestica	Peak count d	lata not collected
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	10	Section 4, Visit 1; and Section 6, Visit 2
Great tit	Parus major	6	Section 6, Visit 1
Great-spotted woodpecker	Dendrocopus major	2	Section 4, Visit 1
Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	9	Section 2, Visit 2
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	3	Section 2, Visit 2
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	20	Section 2, Visit 2
Jay	Garrulus glandarius	1	Section 2, Visit 1
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	3	Section 5, Visit 2
Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	1	Section 3, Visit 6
Long-tailed tit	Aegithalos caudatus	20	Section 3, Visit 4



		Peak Count	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Time and Location
Magpie	Pica pica	8	Section 6, Visit 1
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	9	Section 2, Visit 3
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorous	3	Section 6. Visit 6
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	8	Section 2, Visit 2
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba yarelli	6	Section 5, Visit 2
Raven	Corvus corax	1	Section 4, Visit 6
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Peak count data not recorded	
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	30	Section 5, Visit 2
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	Peak count d	lata not recorded
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	Peak count d	lata not recorded
Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	2	Section 2, Visit 1
Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris	1	Section 1, Visit 6
Water rail	Rallus aquaticus	1	Section 4 (Non- TATA) Visit 2; and Section 3 (TATA) Visit 6
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus	33	Section 2, Visit 1
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	2	Section 2, Visit 1



## Annex C: Transect Survey Results

Table 6a: Visit 1 Transect Survey Results 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 (Figures 5a-g)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Bearded tit	Panurus biarmicus	3	-	-	-	-
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	-	-	4	-
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	4	-	-	-	-
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	-	8	1	-	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	-	1	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	-	-	1	2	-
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	62	13	16	-	-
Gadwall	Anas stepera	-	17	-	-	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	1	-	-	-	-
Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	-	-	-	-	1
Greylag goose	Anser anser	-	80	-	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	14	-	-	3	60



Common Name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	8	-	11	-	11
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	4	-	-	-	-
Lesser redpoll	Carduelis cabaret	-	4	-	1	-
Marsh harrier	Circus aeruginosus	4	-	-	-	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	39	19	10	-	10
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	2	2	4	-	-
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	3	-	2	-	-
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	11	4	4	5	-
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	1	-	-	-	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	20	-	-	-	-
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	4	-	-	2	-
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	-	-	-	-	1
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	-	-	3	-
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	-	-	1	-	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	19	9	10	105	85
Teal	Anas crecca	-	49	10	-	-
Tufted duck	Aytha fuligula	-	-	1	-	-



Table 6b: Visit 2 Transect Survey Results 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Figures 6a-g)

Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	-	10	60	46
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	-	-	1	-	-
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	-	-	-	-	2
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	1	8	-	1	1
Corn bunting	Emberiza calandra	1	-	-	-	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	-	-	-	2
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	3	-	-	5	1
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	140	11	54	-	11
Gadwall	Anas stepera	-	30	-	-	-
Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	-	-	-	-	1
Greylag goose	Anser anser	-	-	13	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	60	-	113	85	83
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	6	-	-	-	7



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	-	-	-	1
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	-	-	-	6	2
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	-	-	20	2	1
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	10	41	40	54	107
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	-	3	2	-	-
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	-	-	-	-	2
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	20	7	-	15	60
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	-	-	-	1	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	44	6	31	9	49
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	1	-	-	-	-
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	-	1	-	-	-
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	-	7	-	-	-
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	1	-	-	1
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	1	-	1	-	3



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	20	-	380	232	1180
Teal	Anas crecca	-	54	-	-	-



Table 6c: Visit 3 Transect Survey Results 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Figures 7a-g)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	300	-	55	50	121
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	-	7	-	1	1
Coal tit	Periparus ater	-	1	-	-	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	1	-	-	5	-
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	16	3	1	1	3
Gadwall	Anas stepera	-	20	-	-	-
Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	-	-	-	-	1
Greylag goose	Anser anser	-	-	1	-	-
Hen harrier	Circus cyaneus	-	-	1	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	208	-	2	203	19
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	-	-	5	-	-
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	-	-	1	-	-
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	50	-	-	95	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	-	-	-	16	-
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	-	-	-	9	3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	13	16	5	79	33
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	9	-	-	-	6
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	-	3	2	1	1
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	22	7	2	29	19
Pintail	Anas acuta	-	1	-	-	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	-	102	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	5	-	63	2	97
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	-	1	-	-	-
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	-	4	-	-	-
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	-	2	-	10
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	2	-	-	-	-
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	192	-	15	423	65



Common Name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Teal	Anas crecca	-	50	-	-	-
Wigeon	Anas penelope	-	-	-	27	-
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	-	2	-	-	-



Table 6d: Visit 4 Transect Survey Results 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Figures 8a-g)

Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	140	-	-	38	250
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	3	1	-	2	1
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	-	6	-	-	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	-	1	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	10	-	1	1	-
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	2	100	-	-	5
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis	-	-	-	2	-
Firecrest	Regulus ignicapillus	-	-	-	2	-
Greylag goose	Anser anser	-	-	1	-	-
Hen harrier	Circus cyaneus	-	1	1	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	177	17	4	60	62
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	-	-	10	-	-
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	2	1	1	-



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	-	8	-	-
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	-	-	-	22	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	18	14	12	-	4
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	-	-	1	-	-
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	2	1	-	-	-
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	11	9	2	-	2
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	-	3	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	51	101	30	-	82
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	-	3	-	-	-
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	-	6	-	16	-
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	-	6	-	7
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	1	-	2	1	2
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	-	-	-	-	90
Teal	Anas crecca	-	111	-	-	-



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Tufted duck	Aytha fuligula	-	-	-	1	-
Wigeon	Anas penelope	-	-	-	7	-



Table 6e: Visit 5 Transect Survey Results 17th and 18th February 2016 (Figures 9a-g)

Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	70	-	3	64	4
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	-	1	3	-	2
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	1	4	-	-	1
Coal tit	Periparus ater	-	-	3	2	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	-	1	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	1	1	-	3	1
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	-	-	8	-	10
Greylag goose	Anser anser	-	-	1	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	279	6	14	19	86
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	-	-	-	12	2
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	-	-	2	-	2
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	-	-	-	1	-
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	3	-	-	2	8



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	31	2	37	20	21
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	-	-	-	-	6
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	-	1	-	-	-
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	4	-	-	4	84
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	-	-	-	1	-
Pochard	Aythya ferina	-	3	-	-	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	10	-	-	15	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	-	-	170	3	195
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	-	-	-	2	-
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	-	-	-	2	-
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	-	-	-	16	-
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	-	-	-	2	-
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	-	-	1	5
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	-	-	-	2	3



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	-	-	-	-	335
Teal	Anas crecca	14	1	-	20	-
Tufted duck	Aytha fuligula	-		-	10	-



Table 6f: Visit 6 Transect Survey Results 16th March 2016 (Figures 10a-e)

Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	-	-	42	1
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	1	-	-	-	1
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	-	12	2	-	2
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	-	-	1
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	6	-	-	5	2
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	-	-	-	-	5
Gadwall	Anas stepera	-	16	-	-	-
Greylag goose	Anser anser	4	-	-	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	2	-	3	7	18
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	-	-	7	-	24
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	-	-	-	1	1
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	-	-	-	-	1
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	-	4	8	-



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	14	7	29	21	22
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	-	-	1	-	-
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	-	-	-	-	3
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	3	2	11	11	15
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	-	-	-	4	-
Pintail	Anas acuta	-	5	-	-	-
Pochard	Aythya ferina	-	5	-	-	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	-	93	-
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	54	-	57	-	108
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	-	2	8	4	-
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	-	2	-	-	-
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	-	3	-	-	-
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	1	-	-	-	-
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	1	4	-	2



Common name	Scientific Name	Section 2	Section 3 (TATA)	Section 4 (non-TATA)	Section 5	Section 6
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	-	-	70	-	55
Teal	Anas crecca	-	15	-	4	-
Tufted duck	Aytha fuligula	-	5	-	-	-
Wigeon	Anas penelope	-	-	-	43	-



## Annex D: Vantage Point Survey Results (Flight-Lines)

Table 7a: Visit 1 Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 (see Figure 11a)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	3	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	1
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	2
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	3
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	4
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	5
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	7
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	8
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	9
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	10
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	11
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	10	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	12



Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	13
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	14
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	15



Table 7b: Visit 1 Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 (see Figure 12a)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	1	30	10:40:00	AM1
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	1	45	11:11:00	AM2
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	20	160	11:21:00	AM3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	2	15	11:27:00	AM4
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	17.5	48	11:31:00	AM5
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	10	20	11:31:00	AM6
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	15	10	11:37:00	AM7
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	17.5	104	11:44:00	AM8
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	1	12.5	30	12:14:00	AM9
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	2.5	15	12:15:00	AM10
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	1	22	12:26:00	AM11
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	1	25	65	12:30:00	AM12
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	15	60	12:35:00	AM13



Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	25	150	12:45:00	AM14
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	2	30	13:40:00	PM1
Redshank	Tringa totanus	17	1	20	14:16:00	PM2
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	11	7.5	25	15:07:00	РМ3
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	5	20	15:13:00	PM4
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	5	30	15:22:00	PM5
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	2.5	15	15:28:00	PM6
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	5	20	15:29:00	PM7
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	2.5	20	15:33:00	PM8



Table 7c: Visit 2 Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (see Figure 11b)

Common name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	10	45	10:24:00	AM1
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	20	30	10:51:00	AM2
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	5	30	30	11:16:00	AM3
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	30	60	12:27:00	AM4
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	20	120	13:29:00	PM1
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	20	60	13:40:00	PM2
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	100	300	13:40:00	PM3
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	100	300	13:42:00	PM3
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	100	300	13:45:00	РМ3
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	3	20	15	13:47:00	PM4
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	20	15	13:48:00	PM5
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	30	60	13:59:00	PM6



Table 7d: Visit 2 Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk 16th November 2015 (see Figure 12b)

Common name	Scientific name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	6	Not recorded	Not recorded	09:45:00	AM1
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	5	60	10:30:00	AM2
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	5	60	10:34:00	AM3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	10	30	10:45:00	AM4
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	60	Not recorded	11:47:00	AM5
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	40	35	11:55:00	AM6
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	9	25	Not recorded	12:15:00	AM7
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	4	5	Not recorded	Not recorded	AM8
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	13	35	Not recorded	13:00:00	AM9
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	32	10	20	13:24:00	PM1
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	15	45	13:38:00	PM2
Curlew	Numenius arquata	2	5	20	13:38:00	РМ3
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	18	5	30	13:41:00	PM4



Common name	Scientific name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	13:42:00	PM5
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	10	45	60	13:49:00	PM6
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	10	10	14:07:00	PM7
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	14	40	60	14:17:00	PM8
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	3	Not recorded	Not recorded	14:17:00	РМ9
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	73	27.5	40	14:18:00	PM10
Curlew	Numenius arquata	2	10	20	14:47:00	PM11
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	5	20	15:00:00	PM12
Teal	Anas crecca	1	10	Not recorded	15:21:00	PM13
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	30	40	15:52:00	PM14
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	15	Not recorded	14:48:00	PM15
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	50	20	15:00:00	PM16
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	13:42:00	PM17



Table 7e: Visit 3 Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (see Figure 11c)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	10	30	11:00	AM1
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	1	8	20	11:18	AM2
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	5	10	25	11:35	AM3
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	4	10	25	11:35	AM3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	30	10	11:43	AM4
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	40	10	15	11:45	AM5
Black-headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	50	10	60	12:27	AM6
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	1	2	10	12:42	AM7
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	1	15	20	13:50	PM1
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	20	20	15:50	PM2
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	200	15	60	15:30	PM3
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	300	15	45	15:45	PM4



Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	10	30	11:00	AM1
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	45	15	60	15:50	PM5



Table 7f: Visit 3 Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (see Figure 12c)

Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	10	20	10:07	AM1
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	5	22.5	25	10:19	AM2
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	10	30	10:22	AM3
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	5	10	20	10:40	AM4
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	10	60	10:54	AM5
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	3	15	45	10:58	AM6
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	4	10	20	11:17	AM7
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	10	30	11:12	AM8
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	5	10	30	11:14	AM9
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	2	15	20	11:20	AM10
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	9	10	30	11:20	AM11
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	4	10	30	11:27	AM12
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	3	15	30	11:40	AM13



Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	10	10	30	11:41	AM14
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	6	2	30	11:45	AM15
Curlew	Numenius arquata	2	1	30	12:05	PM1
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	20	30	12:15	PM2
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	20	30	15:30	PM3
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	9	60	60	12:15	PM4
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	20	30	12:18	PM5
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	6	10	30	12:38	PM6
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	29			12:23	PM7
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	10	30	14:21	PM8
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	10	10	30	12:28	PM9
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	10	30	12:42	PM10
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	3			12:25	PM11
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	27	25	95	14:17	PM12



Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Notes
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	2	15	30	14:00	PM13
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	14:46	PM14
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	5	40	30	15:33	PM15
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	5	50	30	15:35	PM16



Table 7g: Visit 4 Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (see Figure 11d)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	2	30	09:55	AM1
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	3	10	09:59	AM2
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	1	10	10:29	AM3
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	2	30	10:34	AM4
Redshank	Tringa totanus	3	2	20	10:52	AM5
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	5	10	10:59	AM6
Redshank	Tringa totanus	2	2	20	12:00	PM1
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	10	30	12:55	PM2
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	2	30	13:15	РМ3
Redshank	Tringa totanus	3	3	20	13:20	PM4
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	2	10	13:22	PM5
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	3	10	13:24	PM6
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	10	60	13:25	PM7



Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	6	30	13:30	PM8
Redshank	Tringa totanus	2	6	30	13:37	РМ9
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	5	30	14:22	PM10
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	2	30	14:25	PM11
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	2	10	14:48	PM12



Table 7h: Visit 4 Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (see Figure 12d)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	5	5	08:40	AM1
Redshank	Tringa totanus	8	5	10	08:45	AM2
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	10	25	08:50	AM3
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	10	10	08:52	AM4
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	10	10	09:10	AM5
Redshank	Tringa totanus	2	5	10	09:15	AM6
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	15	20	09:25	AM7
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	1	20	09:48	AM8
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	8	25	09:50	AM9
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	25	40	10:15	AM10
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	30	40	10:25	AM11
Redshank	Tringa totanus	4	2	10	10:31	AM12
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	3	15	20	10:45	AM13



Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	3	10	11:30	AM14
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	5	10	11:36	AM15
Redshank	Tringa totanus	12	15	20	12:51	PM1
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	1	25	40	12:50	PM2
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	25	40	13:00	РМ3
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	30	25	13:05	PM4
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	3	15	13:05	PM5
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	2	5	13:06	PM6
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	20	25	14:04	PM7
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	15	25	14:41	PM8



Table 7i: Visit 5 Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw 18th February 2016 (see Figure 11e)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	30	30	09:39	AM1
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	30	60	09:59	AM2
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	3	60	480	10:05	AM3
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	30	30	12:12	AM4
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	40	600	14:10	PM1
Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna	2	5	30	14:43	PM2
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	1	2	30	14:54	РМ3
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	3	30	14:57	PM4



Table 7j: Visit 5 Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (see Figure 12e)

Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	4	Not recorded	Not recorded	09:32	AM1
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	15	Not recorded	Not recorded	09:42	AM2
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	09:45	AM3
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	09:48	AM4
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	7	Not recorded	Not recorded	09:58	AM5
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	5	Not recorded	Not recorded	10:48	AM6
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	11:04	AM7
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	11:06	AM8
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	8	Not recorded	Not recorded	11:45	AM9
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	10	Not recorded	Not recorded	11:48	AM10
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	11:50	AM11
Redshank	Tringa totanus	10	Not recorded	Not recorded	11:59	AM12
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	6	Not recorded	Not recorded	12:01	PM1



Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Note
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	7	Not recorded	Not recorded	12:10	PM2
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	3	Not recorded	Not recorded	12:52	РМ3
Redshank	Tringa totanus	3	Not recorded	Not recorded	13:07	PM4
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	15:04	PM5
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	Not recorded	Not recorded	14:47	PM6
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	Not recorded	Not recorded	15:04	PM7



Table 7k: Visit 6 Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (see Figure 11f)

Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Number
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	50	180	11:25	AM1
Teal	Anas crecca	6	1	15	11:39	AM2
Redshank	Tringa totanus	1	1	10	11:39	AM3
Raven	Corvus corax	1	15	30	11:47	AM4
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	3	30	360	12:14	AM5
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	6	3	10	12:22	AM6
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	20	60	12:27	AM7
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	1	10	20	12:28	AM8
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	20	60	12:28	AM9
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	2	10	12:42	AM10
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	10	30	12:45	AM11
Black-tailed godwit	Limosa limosa	7	20	30	12:54	AM12
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	2	5	30	12:55	AM13



Common name	Scientific Name	Number observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Number
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	20	30	15:35	PM1
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	20	120	15:39	PM2
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	5	60	16:23	PM3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	8	10	60	16:25	PM4
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	1	3	30	16:28	PM5
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	1	2	30	17:00	PM6



Table 7I: Visit 6 Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (see Figure 12f)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number Observed	Flight Height (m)	Flight Duration (seconds)	Time	Target Number
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	15	30	11:55	AM1
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	8	25	11:58	AM2
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	2	20	30	12:00	AM3
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	2	5	10	12:25	AM4
Redshank	Tringa totanus	3	20	85	12:45	AM5
Redshank	Tringa totanus	2	2	15	12:55	AM6
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	5	25	13:38	AM7
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	3	15	20	15:59	PM1
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	15	25	16:03	PM2
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	2	1	10	16:58	РМ3
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	3	5	17:29	PM4
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	3	3	5	17:37	PM5



# Annex E: Vantage Point "Point Count" Results

Table 8a: Visit 1 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Ebbw 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	Present	Present	-	Present	Present
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	1	-	-	-	-	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	1	-	-	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	-	-	-	-	2	20
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	-	-	-	4	Present	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	6	Present	Present	Present	200	400
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	-	-	-	Present	Present	Present
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	-	1	-	-	-	-
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	-	-	-	-	4	-
Little egret	Egretta garzetta		1	-	-	-	-
Magpie	Pica pica	1	-	-	Present	-	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	-	Present	1	-	-	-
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	-	-	1	-	Present	-
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	8	4	15	-	Present	-
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	40	20	6	-	-	-
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Present	-	-	-	Present	-
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	100	200	Present	Present	Present	-
Teal	Anas crecca	10	6	2	-	-	-
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	Present	-	-	-	-	-



Table 8b: Visit 2 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Ebbw 16th November 2015

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	Present	Present	6	-	-	Present
Canada goose	Branta canadensis	-	-	12	-	-	-
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	Present	-	Present	Present	Present	Present
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	-	-	-	-	-	1
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	Present	-	1	-	-	Present
Great tit	Parus major	2	-	-	-	-	-
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	-	1	1	-	2	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	Present	-	-	Present	Present	Present
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	Present	Present	Present	Present		1000
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	-	1	-	-	-	-
Magpie	Pica pica	Present	Present	Present	-	-	Present
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	-	3	6	-	-	-
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	10	Present	-	Present	-	-
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	-	-	1	-	-	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	36	36	38	43	38	41
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	10	Present	Present	-	Present	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	100	-	3	Present	6	-
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	1	-	-	-	-	-
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	3	-	-	-	-	-
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	-	-	-	-	-	Present
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	300	500	2000	Present	Present	3000
Teal	Anas crecca	60	1	2	-	12	-
Wigeon	Anas penelope	3	-	-	-	-	-
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	-	-	1	-	-	-



Table 8c: Visit 2 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Usk 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Blackbird	Turdus merula	2	-	-	1	-	2
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	-	1	-	1	-	1
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	-	5	-	14	-	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great tit	Parus major	-	-	-	-	-	1
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	-	-	-	1	-	Present
Magpie	Pica pica	-	2	-	1	-	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	3	-	-	2	-	-
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	-	-	1	-	-	-
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	7	-	1	-	2	3
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	2	1	-	-	1	1
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	1	-	-	-	-	1



Table 8d: Visit 3 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Ebbw 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Blackbird	Turdus merula	Present	-	-	-	-
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	80	-	Present	300	-
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	-	1	3	-	-
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	Present	Present	-	Present	Present
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	Present	-	-	-	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	-	-	-	3	-
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	Present	-	-	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	-	-	Present	300	-
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	Present	Present	-	-	Present
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	-	-	-	1	-
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	-	-	-	-	-
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	3	7	-	9	12
Magpie	Pica pica	-	-	-	-	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	20	10	-	Present	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	Present	Present	-	-	-
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	1	-	-	-	-
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	7	-	16	Present	13
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	Present	Present	-	-	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	100	100	-	Present	-
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	Present	-	-	Present	-
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	-	-	1	-
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Present	Present	6	Present	Present
Teal	Anas crecca	50	-	-	-	-
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	-	-	-	Present	-



Table 8e: Visit 3 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Usk 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	2	-	-	25
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	-	4	-	1	-
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	-	-	1	-	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	2	-	-
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	-	-	-	-	2
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	-	24	-	-	-
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	-	2	-	-	-
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	9	-	-	-	-
Magpie	Pica pica	-	1	-	-	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	9	7	1	-	3
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	1	-	-	-	-
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	1	-	1	1	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	-	1	10
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus		2	-	1	-



Table 8f: Visit 4 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Ebbw 19th January 2016.

Only two point counts were carried out at the River Ebbw this month; one in the morning, one in the afternoon.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2
Black-headed gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	-	Present
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	1	-
Canada goose	Branta canadensis	23	-
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	Present	Present
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	Present	Present
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	-	Present
Collared dove	Streptopelia decaocta	2	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	Present	-
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	Present	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	-	Present
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	10	Present
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	Present	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	Present	Present
Little egret	Egretta garzetta	Present	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Present	-
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	Present	Present
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	Present	-
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	Present	Present
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	Present	Present
Redshank	Tringa totanus	Present	Present
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	Present	-
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Present	Present
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	-	Present
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	1	-
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Present	Present
Teal	Anas crecca	12	Present
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus	Present	-



Table 8g: Visit 4 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Usk 19th January 2016

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Blackbird	Turdus merula	-	-	-	-	3	3
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	15	4	8	15	-
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	1	1	-	-	2	-
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	4	-	-	2	-	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	-	-	-	-	-	6
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	-	-	-	-	-	3
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	-	-	-	1	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	-	-	-	-	1	-
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	-	-	-	-	-	1
Magpie	Pica pica	1	1	-	-	-	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	10	4	7	7	5	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	-	1	-	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	-	8	-	-	-	4
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus	3	-	-	3	-	1
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	-	-	-	-	1	-



Table 8h: Visit 5 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Ebbw 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	-	Present	-	Present
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	-	Present	-	-	Present
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	-	Present	Present	Present	Present
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	-	Present	-	-	1
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	-	-	Present	-	300
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	-	Present	Present	-	Present
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	-	Present	-	12	-
Magpie	Pica pica	-	Present	-	-	Present
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	3	Present	-	-	-
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	Present	-	-	-	Present
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	-	Present	-	3	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	Present	-	-	Present	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	6	6	6	6	2
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	-	Present	-	-	-
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	10	Present	-	-	Present
Teal	Anas crecca	5	Present	2	12	21



Table 8i: Visit 5 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Usk 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	1	-	-	-	-
Blackbird	Turdus merula	-	1	-	-	-
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	-	-	4	-	-
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	-	1	-	-	-
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	-	-	1	-	-
Coot	Fulica atra	-	-	1	-	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	1	-	1	-	-
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	2	-	3	3	-
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	-	-	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	2	20	-	-	-
Long-tailed tit	Aegithalos caudatus	-	1	-	-	-



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5
Long-tailed tit	Aegithalos caudatus	-	-	-	-	1
Magpie	Pica pica	-	1	-	-	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	3	-	-	-	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	-	-	2
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	1	1	-	1	-
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus	-	-	-	3	-
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	-	1	3		1



Table 8j: Visit 6 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Ebbw 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Only two point counts were carried out at the River Ebbw this month; one in the morning, one in the afternoon.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2
Blackbird	Turdus merula	Present	-
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	Present
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	Present	Present
Cetti's warbler	Cettia cetti	Present	-
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	Present	-
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Present	1
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	Present	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	Present	Present
Greenfinch	Chloris chloris	Present	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	Present	Present
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	Present	Present
Magpie	Pica pica	Present	-
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Present	3



Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	10	Present	
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	23	21	
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	2	-	
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	Present	Present	
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	30	
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	Present	Present	
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	Present	Present	
Teal	Anas crecca	-	20	
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus	Present	Present	
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	Present	-	



Table 8k: Visit 6 Vantage Point "Point Count" Results River Usk 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6
Black-headed gull	Larus ridibundus	-	-	23	4	20	12
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	-	-	2	-	-	-
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	-	2	4	-	1	-
Curlew	Numenius arquata	-	-	1	1	-	-
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	-	-	-	3	-	-
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	-	-	3	-	-	-
Great black-backed gull	Larus marinus	-	-	4	-	-	-
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	12	4	4	4	4	-
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	4	-	1	-	-	47
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	-	-	-	2	3	-
Redshank	Tringa totanus	-	-	3	-	-	-
Turnstone	Arenaria interpres	-	-	-	1	-	-
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	-	1	4	-	-	-
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	-	1	-	-	-	-



## **Figures**

Figure 4a-d

Figure 1 Site Location

Figure 2 Summary of Wintering Bird Transect Survey Results

Figure 3a-d Summary of Wintering Bird Vantage Point Survey Results River Ebbw

Summary of Wintering Bird Vantage Point Survey Results River Usk

Figures 5 - 12 Monthly Transect and Vantage Point Survey Result

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