

### **Wetland Bird Survey: Volunteer Counters Required for 2020-2021**

There are 69 actively counted Wetland Bird Survey Sites (WeBS) in Shropshire. The following seven sites are vacant for which counters are required: (1) Chelmarsh Reservoir, SO731877 near Bridgnorth. This is an important and an interesting site of year round interest which attracts a diversity of water birds and passerines throughout the year; the species list is 62. (2) Two Dudmaston Pools are close together and share the same map reference SO744887. (3) The Bog Cranmere, SO752976. (4) Blake Mere, SJ558425 and Ossmere, SJ556438 are in close proximity and are near Whitchurch. (5) River Severn at Leighton, SJ623041 and (6) Sutton Farm Pool, Market Drayton, SJ671314. Additionally, there are numerous other unlisted sites in the county that merit counting and would improve the Shropshire's species population indices.

I would appreciate if WeBS counters would encourage fellow birders to participate in our interesting WeBS surveys. **If you know of a birder who may be interested in surveying an existing site or of a new site of his/her choosing, please let me know asap or alternatively, give the person my contact details and ask the person to contact me. Training will be given to new recruits, if required.**

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