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## WeBS Online

### 3.1 Getting started with WeBS Online

Section 3 of the Counter Handbook, “Guide to Using WeBS Online”, has full details of how to register for WeBS Online and how to use the system as a counter. All of this information is relevant to you as LO as well. You can start using the system immediately, following these instructions. However, as an LO, you will find that there are some additional features of WeBS Online that are open to you, but not to your counters.

Welcome to WeBS Online! From here you can submit your Core, Low Tide, Casual and Roost Counts, view details of your WeBS sites and explore your historic records.

The menus at the top of the page can be used to access other parts of the WeBS website. If you are unsure how to proceed please review the WeBS Online instructions, or the FAQ.

Species counts in Leeds Area (Yorkshire)

View/Edit My Details  
National Organiser Interface

**YOUR OPTIONS**

- Core & LT Count Entry
- Casual/Roost Counts
- View/Edit Submissions
- View Site Details
- Site Summaries
- Explore Data
- Manage My Team**

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes of details to the counters in your area. To let us know of a change of address or a new or retiring counter please contact the WeBS Office by emailing [webs@bto.org](mailto:webs@bto.org).

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*Figure 1 WeBS Data Home page with Local Organiser options highlighted.*

The two main differences are the ‘**LO Region Summary**’ (see page 15) and the ‘**Manage My Team**’ options (see page 17). However, as an LO you also have the ability to submit data on behalf of your counters (see next section).

### 3.2 Submitting data for your counters

You may have some counters who do not have access to the internet or who prefer not to use WeBS online. These counters will either submit their data to you on paper forms or they may email or telephone their results through to you.

If you have time, submitting their data directly into WeBS online is greatly appreciated.

It is preferable for you to enter their counts under their name rather than your own. To do this you will need to click on the **'Core & LT count entry'** option from the **'WeBS Data Home'** page.

Once you have reached the visit details page you will see your username listed under 'Counter'. Clicking on your username will open a search bar, where you can type in the name of the counter needed (see Fig.2). This list will only include counters who have inputting rights to a site in your region.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Enter count - WeBS Core Count". At the top left, there are links for "Data Home" and "Count Entry". Below the title, there is a section labeled "1. Visit details". The form contains the following fields:

- Survey Type:** WeBS Core Count
- Counter:** A dropdown menu with "Volunteer, A (AVOLUNTEER)" selected.
- Site:** A search bar with the placeholder text "Please enter 3 or more characters".
- Date:** A date input field.
- Start Time:** Two dropdown menus for hour and minute.
- End Time:** Two dropdown menus for hour and minute.
- Extra Details:** A large text input field.
- Ice Cover:** A percentage input field.
- Count Accuracy:** Radio buttons for "OK" and "Low".

A "Submit Count" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

*Figure 2 In the search bar, type the counter name needed*

Select the counter's username and their username will replace yours. Select the site by typing the site name into 'Site'.

## Enter count - WeBS Core Count

▼ 1. Visit details

**Survey Type:** WeBS Core Count

**Counter:** ? Volunteer, A (AVOLUNTEER) ▼

**Site:** Gart Loch ▲

**Date:** ? Gart Loch x 🔍

**Start Time:** ? ▼ : ▼

**End Time:** ? ▼ : ▼

**Extra Details:** ?

**Ice Cover:** ?  %

**Count Accuracy:** ?  OK  Low

*Figure 3 Selecting your counter's sites.*

Select the appropriate site and continue to enter counts as you would enter your own data.

After submitting the count you can view the data using the '**View/Edit Submissions**' option and the counter you selected when entering the data will be listed against it.

### 3.3 LO Region Summary

By selecting 'View Site Details', a list of all the sites in your region appears (see Fig. 4). These are listed by alphabetical order and the first 10 are shown. You can order or filter by any of the columns such as typing the site name into the first column.

**List of Registered WeBS Sites**

The table below shows all the sites that you survey or have permission to view data for. If a site is a part of a larger aggregate, then the aggregate site is described too (Top level). You can view a summary map showing all sites with the 'Map' button, or you can view the extent of each site by clicking on the site name.

[View Sites Map](#)

Show  WeBS locations

Site name	WeBS Region	Grid Reference	Permissions	Allocated Counter	Top level	Type	Site Summary
Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	
<a href="#">Abercairny Loch (86086)</a>	Perth and Kinross (inland)	NN911221	Input Rights	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Aberdona East Pond (84115)</a>	Central Scotland (excl. Forth Estuary)	NS950955	Local Organiser	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Aberdona West Pond (84114)</a>	Central Scotland (excl. Forth Estuary)	NS947955	Local Organiser	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Allan Water - Middleton of Rottearns Marsh (86350)</a>	Perth and Kinross (inland)	NN842081	Input Rights	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Ardoch Loch (86039)</a>	Perth and Kinross (inland)	NN841097	Input Rights	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Auchenlaich Farm Pond B (84067)</a>	Central Scotland (excl. Forth Estuary)	NN648071	Local Organiser	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Black Loch (Limerigg) (73031)</a>	Central Scotland (excl. Forth Estuary)	NS859699	Local Organiser	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Blairdrummond Safari Park Loch (84049)</a>	Central Scotland (excl. Forth Estuary)	NS733986	Local Organiser	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Brae of Cessintully Pond (84504)</a>	Central Scotland (excl. Forth Estuary)	NN676012	Local Organiser	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">Broomhill Lochans (86510)</a>	Perth and Kinross (inland)	NN854107	Input Rights	Y		Core	<a href="#">View</a>

*Figure 4 Local Organiser site summary page.*

Clicking on the site name will show you the site/sector location on a map and a boundary outline if available. Clicking on 'View' will take you to a table showing the peak counts for each WeBS year (see Fig 5).

### Yearly Site summary for Abercairny Loch (86086)

The table below compares the maximum count from the Primary counts at different years for Abercairny Loch (86086) over the entire date range. To view a summary of the different months in a year, click on the underlined years at the head of the column.

Species	<u>95 - 96</u>	<u>96 - 97</u>	<u>97 - 98</u>	<u>98 - 99</u>	<u>99 - 00</u>	<u>00 - 01</u>	<u>01 - 02</u>	<u>02 - 03</u>	<u>03 - 04</u>	<u>04 - 05</u>	<u>05 - 06</u>	<u>06 - 07</u>
Months	3	4	7	6	7	3	1	1	3	4	3	4
Canada Goose	32	44	84	90	172	128				2	9	70
Greylag Goose	1	10	91	15	69	12				253	173	52
Domestic Greylag Goose												1
Pink-footed Goose										1		
Hybrid goose		1										
Mute Swan	8	8	5	3	2	9	1		11	11	18	5
Whooper Swan		1										
Muscovy Duck					1							
Shoveler												
Gadwall	2	2	2	6	9	1	2	6	14	22	21	6
Wigeon		2	4	18	14				13	26	30	21
Mallard	871	2500	1500	103	115	76	22	12	78	57	86	54
Domestic Mallard					1							
Pintail												
Teal	6			2	16	16	20		175	78	98	40
Pochard	1	15	3									
Tufted Duck	14	11	17	12	31	18	13	19	2	6	27	4

*Figure 5 Yearly site summary showing the maximum counts from the Primary counts.*

Clicking on the year will show you the monthly Primary count data (see Fig 6).

Monthly Site summary for Abercairny Loch (86086) during 2006 - 2007												
The table below compares the peak counts per month for Abercairny Loch (86086) during 2006 - 2007. Known undercounts are surrounded by [ ]. The data presented here may be taken from Primary Core Counts; Casual/Roost Counts or other supplementary data. You can drill down using 'View/edit species lists' on Data Home to view the Primary Count data. For more detailed queries, we recommend using the Search and Download facility.												
Species	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Canada Goose	x	x	x	x	70	x	15		2	x	x	x
Greylag Goose	x	x	x	x		x	52			x	x	x
Domestic Greylag Goose	x	x	x	x	1	x				x	x	x
Mute Swan	x	x	x	x	2	x	5	5	5	x	x	x
Gadwall	x	x	x	x	2	x	6			x	x	x
Wigeon	x	x	x	x		x			21	x	x	x
Mallard	x	x	x	x	16	x	54	7	2	x	x	x
Teal	x	x	x	x	8	x	15	40	5	x	x	x
Tufted Duck	x	x	x	x	2	x	3	4		x	x	x
Goldeneye	x	x	x	x	2	x	1		6	x	x	x
Goosander	x	x	x	x	13	x	4	2	2	x	x	x
Little Grebe	x	x	x	x		x		1		x	x	x
Grey Heron	x	x	x	x		x	2	1		x	x	x
Cormorant	x	x	x	x		x		1		x	x	x
Moorhen	x	x	x	x	1	x		3	3	x	x	x
Oystercatcher	x	x	x	x		x		54	27	x	x	x
Lapwing	x	x	x	x		x		2		x	x	x
<b>Number of Species:</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>10</b>	-	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	-	-	-
<b>Number of Individuals:</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>117</b>	-	<b>157</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>73</b>	-	-	-

Figure 6 Monthly site summary showing Primary count data.

### 3.4 Manage My Team

The most useful of these extra features is the 'Manage My Team' button, which you will see on the right-hand side when you first log in to WeBS Online. If you click on this you will be taken to the 'Team Management Home' page (see Fig. 7).

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Data Home / Team Management Home

## Team Management Home

This area gives Local Organisers access to administrative and maintenance tools. Choose a link on the right to begin.

**WeBS Options**

- [Locations](#)
- [Counters](#)
- [Count Summary](#)

Figure 7 Team Management Home Page.

Each of the three 'WeBS Options' (in green), **Locations** (see page 19); **Counters** (see page 35) and **Count Summary** (see page 42) will be explored in detail over the next few chapters.

### 3.5 WeBS Report Online

The electronic part of the WeBS annual report “**WeBS Report Online**” is a separate web application from WeBS Online and, unlike WeBS Online, is completely publicly accessible. Information is available for locations (sites) and species.

Species information includes a table of sites where the species occurs, with the sites holding the highest aggregations listed first, together with plots of national indices and trends. It is possible to filter the site list to show only sites in a single county and/or by habitat type.

Location (site) information includes a table of maximum count for all the species occurring at the site for the current reporting year and previous years. Data is only available at the site level, not sector level. Species which occur at nationally or internationally important numbers at the site are flagged. By default species that have ever occurred at the site are listed in taxonomic order; clicking on column headers will sort by other fields, such as the number of birds in the most recent year or the current average (the mean of the most recent five years).

To find a site in the WeBS Report Online you can use one of two methods. If you know the site name, start typing it in the ‘**Search Locations...**’ box and select from the list that appears. If you are unsure of the site name, use the **Vacant Sites Tool** (see **Appendix 5**) to find the site on a map and bring up the site details. Then click on the “WeBS Report View Site” link, which will take you to the right location on the WeBS Report Online.

WeBS Report Online is updated once a year at the same time as the paper summary report is published. The online and summary outputs in conjunction constitute the report **Waterbirds in the UK** for the published year. Once the annual report has been published, consolidated site totals will be calculated for that reporting year and will become available in WeBS Online site summary tables (see page 16).

We encourage all LOs to publicise the WeBS Report Online to local networks as a key source of publicly available information for birders, site managers and other interested parties.

The screenshot shows the WeBS Report Online interface for the site 'The Wash'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'WeBS home', 'Alerts', 'Numbers & Trends', 'Low Tide Counts', and 'Help'. A search bar for 'Location' and a dropdown for 'Species' are also visible. The main content area displays the site name 'The Wash' and a 'Share this page' button. Below this is a table of 'Annual Peaks' showing bird counts for various species across different years and months. A 'Share this page' dialog box is open, showing a unique URL for the current view.

Species	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	Mon	5yr avg	Cur avg
Fulvous Whistling Duck	(0)	0	(0)	(0)	(0)		0	0
Mute Swan	57	60	77	59	49	Dec	60	60
Black Swan	1	0	(0)	(0)	(0)		1	1
Bevick's Swan	7	0	7	7	2	Jan	5	5
Whooper Swan	50	(23)	52	(42)	80	Dec	61	61
Bean Goose	1	71	(0)	(0)	(0)		36	36
Bean Goose (Taiga)	(0)	0	(0)	(0)	(0)		0	0



Clicking on the share button will give you a unique URL if you want to share the page for a particular site with someone.