

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.

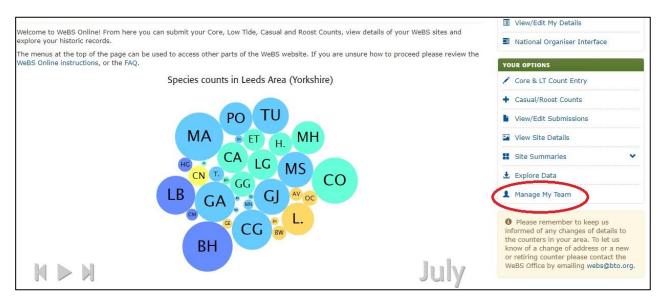


Figure 1 WeBS Data Home page with Local Organiser options highlighted.

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.

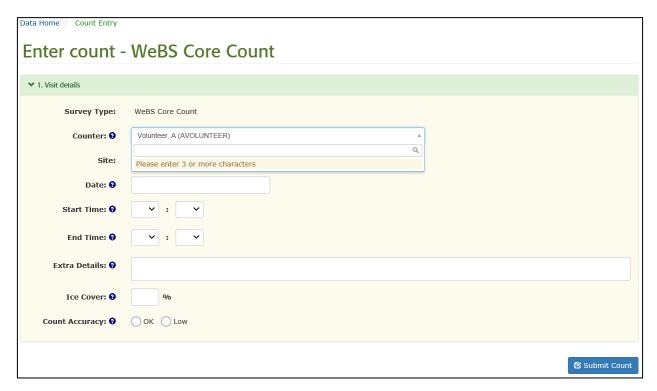


Figure 2 In the search bar, type the counter name needed

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

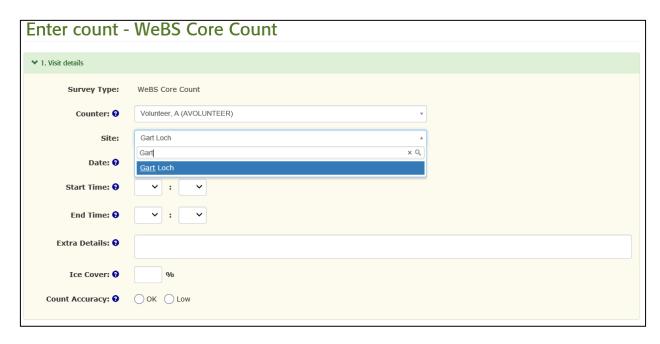


Figure 3 Selecting your counter's sites.

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.

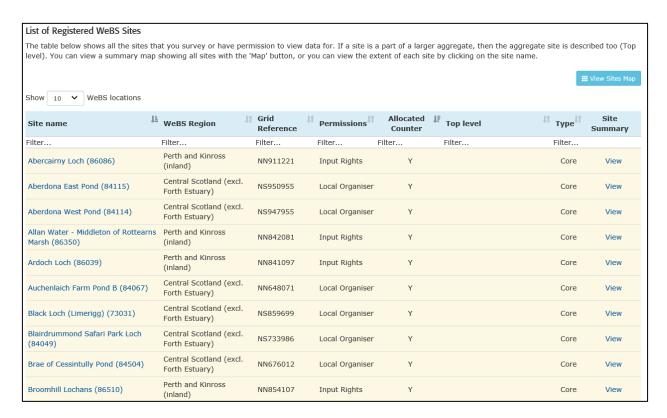


Figure 4 Local Organiser site summary page.

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 A	berc	airny	/ Loc	ch (8	608	6)						
The table below compares the maximum count from the P different months in a year, click on the underlined years a				ars for Abe	ercairny Lo	och (8608	6) over th	e entire d	late range	. To view	a summai	y of the
Species	95 - 96	96 - 97	97 - 98	98 - 99	99 - 00	00 - 01	01 - 02	02 - 03	03 - 04	04 - 05	05 - 06	06 - 07
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).

Species	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Canada Goose	×	X	×	×	70	×	15	TED	2	×	×	×
Greylag Goose	×	×	×	×	, 0	×	52			×	×	ж
Domestic Greylag Goose	×	×	×	×	1	×				×	×	×
Mute Swan	×	×	×	×	2	×	5	5	5	×	×	ж
Gadwall	×	×	×	×	2	×	6			×	×	×
Wigeon	×	×	×	×		×			21	×	>:	×
Mallard	×	×	×	×	16	×	54	7	2	×	×	×
Teal	×	×	×	×	8	×	15	40	5	×	×	×
Tufted Duck	×	×	×	×	2	×	3	4		×	×	×
Goldeneye	×	×	×	×	2	×	1		6	×	×	×
Goosander	×	×	×	×	13	×	4	2	2	ж	×	×
Little Grebe	×	×	×	×		×		1		×	×	×
Grey Heron	×	×	×	×		×	2	1		×	×	×
Cormorant	×	×	×	×		×		1		×	×	×
Moorhen	×	×	×	×	1	×		3	3	×	×	×
Oystercatcher	×	×	×	×		×		54	27	×	×	×
Lapwing	×	×	×	×		×		2		×	×	×
Number of Species:	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	11	9	-	-	-
Number of Individuals:	-	-	-	-	117	-	157	120	73	-	-	-

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).



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.

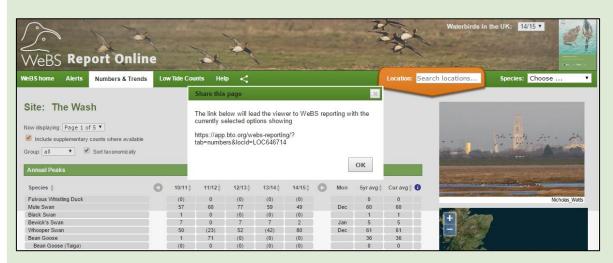
Species information includes a table of sites where the species occurs, with the sites holding the highest aggregations listed first, together with plots of national indices and trends. It is possible to filter the site list to show only sites in a single county and/or by habitat type.

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.





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