

Species Confidentiality Policy; Bedfordshire Bird Club.

This policy covers the confidentiality of bird records held by the Bedfordshire and Luton Biodiversity Recording & Monitoring Centre (BLBRMC). The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The species listed below are considered to be at risk from persecution, disturbance and egg theft.

Year-round sensitive species

Lady Amherst's Pheasant

Long-eared Owl

Breeding-season sensitive species

Garganey

Eurasian Bittern

Little Egret

Black-necked Grebe

Honey Buzzard

Red Kite

Marsh Harrier

Montagu's Harrier

Northern Goshawk

Hobby

Peregrine Falcon

Eurasian Curlew

Short-eared Owl

European Nightjar

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker

Firecrest

Bearded Tit

Woodlark

Dartford Warbler

Black Redstart

Common Redstart

Tree Pipit

Tree Sparrow

Hawfinch

NBN Gateway and data requests at the BRMC

All bird records will be sent to the NBN Gateway at the resolution they were entered on BirdTrack.

All records of species in the year-round sensitive list will be marked as sensitive to block them from public access.

Records dated 1st March to 31st August (for all years) of species in the breeding-season sensitive list to be marked as sensitive to block them from public access. Records outside this period will not be marked as sensitive and so will be accessible by the public at the recorded resolution.

All other records will be accessible by the public at the recorded resolution.

Consultants and conservation organisations may be sent data on *all* species, however it will be emphasised that records for sensitive species must not be disclosed.

All requests for enhanced access to records (including those for sensitive species from the public and students that come via BRMC) will be referred to the County Recorder.

Records & Research Committee; Bedfordshire Bird Club, BNHS. May 2015.