



OBJECTIVE	TARGET	PROGRESS	PLAN STATUS	
			2008-2010	2011-2018
A. Increase the range by restoring the snipe as a breeding species in the sub-region.	2020	The snipe is no longer considered a breeding species in Warwickshire, although birds are occasionally noted displaying for short periods at former breeding sites as at Alvecote and Packington, suggesting it might return with appropriate management.	slight ↑	↓
B. Increase the extent of suitable habitat for breeding snipe at 8 sites or more.	2020	<p>Target has already been achieved by the restoration of wetland by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Coventry City Council and landowners.</p> <p>However, despite an increase of some 50ha in in the total area of wetland in the sub-region in recent years, by restoration and creation, breeding success for snipe is still not being achieved or maintained, leading to a continuing decline in the population. The areas involved are mostly small and it is likely that there is insufficient breeding habitat for the over-wintering individuals to establish breeding populations.</p> <p>It seems that much bigger individual areas of wetland are needed to achieve a significant increase in our breeding waders.</p>		
<p>Key to status: 2010: ↑ Any improvement ↔ No change ↓ Decline</p> <p>2018: ↑ Good progress ↑ Some progress ↔ No change ↓ Decline</p>				

PROPOSED ACTIONS	BY	REPORTED PROGRESS	NO.OF SITES/ ITEMS	TOTAL AREA/ LENGTH	ACTION STATUS
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SM1. Restore wetland habitats at Brandon Marsh, Ladywalk, Middleton Lakes, Lighthorne Quarry, Toft Farm and at other sites with large overwintering populations, to suitable condition for breeding snipe.	2018	<p>Good progress</p> <p>Restoration and creation of habitat suitable for snipe is being undertaken at a known 8 sites by:</p> <p>Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at Middleton Lakes: 10ha of wet grassland created in 2013 in a mosaic of wetland habitats. • at Fishers Mill Meadow: wetting up of 20.34ha of grassland <p>Warwickshire County Council (WCC): at Kingsbury Water Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new wetlands were created as part of the enhancement in 2013. • 6ha of community wetland has been improved and 2ha scrapes created around Leys Brook. <p>Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guphill Brook, Coventry: creation of 0.03ha of wet grassland meadow in 2016. • Brandon Marsh: 4ha of wet grassland, an expansion of the reserve across the river to Wolston Fields where gravel extraction, is taking place in two phases. • Whitacre Heath flood meadow: scrapes have been created in an attempt to wet up this privately owned site managed by grazing in conjunction with the Tame Valley project. <p>Packington Estate: wetting up of 6.5ha of meadows to east of park and near Siden Hill Wood on the Marsh Lane Reserve SSSI.</p>	8 sites	49.37ha min	↑

		<p>Coventry City Council (CCC): at Coombe Country Park, restoration of 0.5ha of degraded marsh by scrub control and grazing to create tussocky wet grassland.</p> <p>No progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at Ladywalk where the wetting up of the reed bed has been unsuccessful, further work may produce more wetland. • at Lighthorne Quarry LWS nothing is likely to be done in the foreseeable future; it is within a proposed new town development area. 			
<p>SM2. Ensure wet grassland options for breeding waders within HLS are tailored to breeding snipe where appropriate at 4 additional sites.</p>	2015	<p>In progress, at unknown locations so possibly target for new sites is not achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) options for breeding waders are HK9/HK11/HK13 for maintenance, restoration and creation of wet grassland. Uptake of these options in the new 'Wild Pollinator and Farm Wildlife' package (total = 247.23ha) in 2016 were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ uptake for maintenance of wet grassland for breeding waders = 57.76ha ▪ uptake for restoration of wet grassland for breeding waders = 67.61ha ▪ uptake for creation of wet grassland for breeding waders = 121.86ha • Toft Farm is under stewardship; a lot of work has gone on over the years for lapwings but nothing for snipe as far as is known. 	No. of sites not known	247.23ha	
<p>RM1. Develop survey format to identify sites with large overwintering populations, which hold the greatest potential for breeding birds in the future.</p>	2020	<p>In progress.</p> <p>The Habitat Biodiversity Audit team (HBA): monitoring is revealing new sites, such as the Leam Valley Wetland.</p>			
<p>RM2. Conduct wetland assessments at Brandon Marsh, Ladywalk, Middleton Lakes and Lighthorne Quarry and identify any criteria limiting suitability for breeding snipe.</p>	2015	No progress.			