FARMLAND BIRDS PROGRESS REPORT 2011- 2016

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OBJECTIVE	TARGET	PROGRESS	PLAN STATUS 2008-2010	PLAN STATUS 2011-2016
A. To halt population decline of the grey partridge, skylark, tree sparrow, corn bunting, turtle dove, linnet, yellow wagtail, reed bunting, and yellow hammer.	**2020**	**In progress. Breeding and wintering data since 2009 for 6 farms (from 100ha to 700ha) for 19 species shows the populations to be stable and rising, with the highest densities of skylark and tree sparrow in the country. Warwickshire has good residual populations owing to recording effort, diverse landscape (ponds, trees in hedgerows) and mixed farming.**	↔	↑
B. To aim for no further loss of range of grey partridge, skylark, tree sparrow, corn bunting, turtle dove, linnet, yellow wagtail, reed bunting, and yellow hammer.	**2020**	**In progress through Natural England's new 'Wild Pollinator and Farm Wildlife Package', also by Campaign for the Farmed Environment (CFE) Farmland Bird event.**		

Key to status: 2010: ↑Any improvement ↔No change ↓Decline **2016:** ↑Good progress ↑Some progress ↔No change ↓ Decline

PROPOSED ACTIONS	BY	REPORTED PROGRESS	NO.OF SITES/ ITEMS	TOTAL AREA/ LENGTH	% OF TARGET	ACTION STATUS ↑↑↔↓
SM1. Ensure management agreements under agri-environment schemes are sympathetic to the breeding and wintering requirements of the **grey partridge, skylark, tree sparrow, corn bunting, turtle dove, linnet, yellow wagtail, reed bunting and yellow hammer** where they are known to occur.	ongoing	**In progress.** **Natural England(NE):** agri-environment ELS and HLS, and organic HLS options are: • wild bird seed mixture and supplementary winter feeding • over-wintered stubbles (over 40%) • skylark plots and beetle banks • cereal headlands and un-harvested cereal headlands • uncropped cultivated areas for ground nesting birds • reduced herbicide cereal crops			n/a	↑
SM2. Target agri-environment schemes for corn bunting and turtle dove with relevant technical tailoring to ensure the species has safe nesting habitat in the right places.	ongoing	**In progress.** **NE:** the '*Threatened Species Supplement*' option can be claimed on top of other options.			n/a	↑
SM3. Actively promote nest-box schemes for tree sparrows, as appropriate to the farm until the species decline is reversed and population is considered secure.	ongoing	**Some progress,** although tree sparrows are prone to local extinctions. **Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground:** installation of 6 tree sparrow boxes.	**1 site, 6 boxes**		n/a	↑
SM4. Ensure the area of relevant farmland bird options currently in ELS and HLS are transferred into Mid or Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship, so the **area of relevant farmland bird options is at least maintained,** but where possible should be increased.	ongoing	**In progress.** **NE:** uptake of 22 ELS and HLS, and organic HLS options. **Campaign for the Farmed Environment (CFE):** event on managing for farmland birds as well as game birds, Feb. 2017		**3557ha**	n/a	↑