

Official Statistics: Population trends of breeding birds in the UK, to 2016

The Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is the main scheme for monitoring the population changes of the UK's common breeding birds, providing an important indicator of the health of the countryside. BBS trends are produced each year for over 100 species, and the results are used widely to set priorities and inform conservation action and reporting.

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