



“THE NENBC BIG SIT”

WHAT IS IT?

This is our popular annual event, where we select a series of top birding spots in our area and **see how many species of birds we can record** from a 17 feet diameter circle between dawn and dusk. As well as a fun birding day out, it is social event and gives us an opportunity to speak to passers-by about the Club and engage in some inter-location rivalry. From doing the Big Sit we hope to gain valuable data about visible migration and the birds in our area and the results will be published in our monthly newsletter. Each site will have a co-ordinator with optics and a recording sheet; some may have shelter, seating and refreshments, although it is advisable to bring your own! Last year we totalled 95 species over 4 sites.

WHO DOES IT?

Anyone is welcome to take part, feel free to drop in and join us at any of the sites or set up your own.

WHERE IS IT?

We already have plans for public sites at **Felbrigg Park, West Runton, Beeston Bump, Weybourne** and **Pigney's Wood** but we are in need of volunteers to host / co-host other sites within the Club area for the day or part of it. Full details of locations will be published locally and online from April; check the website www.nenbc.co.uk. If you would like more information or think you can record at a suitable site; please do contact Lin Pateman, Publicity Officer on info@nenbc.co.uk or call 01263 587262

WHEN IS IT?

Sunday 6th May 2018 any time between dawn and dusk (05.00hrs to 20.00hrs)



The Rules

- The 'Big Sit' begins at midnight and ends 24 hours later. You can watch for as long or as little as you like within that time period.
- There is no limit to how many people can occupy one circle, other than the obvious spatial limitations!
- 'Big Sit' participants can work in shifts. No one person needs to be there throughout the whole 'Big Sit' although they can be if they want! The area can be left and returned to as frequently as desired, but you must be sure to return to the same circle each time.
- Observations can only be made from within your designated circle. If a bird is seen or heard from within the circle but is too distant to identify, the circle can be left to get a closer look/listen to confirm the bird's identity. However, any new bird species seen or heard while confirming the original, can't be counted unless it's seen or heard from an 'anchor' who stayed behind in your circle, or is seen by you when you return to your circle.