



s of confirmed breeding Slavonian Grebes *Podiceps auritus* in the UK, 1973-2015.

28 pairs bred, 14 young fledged. At the main site, Loch Ruthven, eight pairs fledged four

Red Grebe Podiceps nigricollis

25y trend: **weak increase +44%** Near-complete

pairs. The UK's largest colony is now in Yorkshire, where 18 pairs hatched 37 at least 12 fledged. This is a significant increase on the five pairs there in 2014. tive colony was in Hertfordshire, where 13 young fledged.

rebe	S	CP	TP	YF	Lincolnshire	1	3	6	n/a
	5	9	12	13	England, C	1	5	5	7
	1	0	1	0	Nottinghamshire	1	5	5	7
	2	7	8	13	England, N	9	27	35	24
	2	2	3	0	Cheshire & Wirral	1	6	8	8
	2	4	7	3	Greater Manchester	1	0	1	0
	1	1	1	3	Northumberland	3	1	3	2
					Yorkshire	4	20	23	14
					TOTALS	17	45	59	47

zard Pernis apivorus

25y trend: **strong increase +219%** Moderate

5-year mean has been above 35 pairs since 1999. The long-term increase is from lower numbers reported before that year, when we believe some data were with- nel. Observers are less secretive now, but that cannot be said for the Honey- which is a difficult species to monitor effectively. There are large areas of Britain looking for Honey-buzzards and the population could be more than double the . Only 12% of the UK population occurs within SPAs but this proportion is ificient for its conservation.

Rare breeding birds in the UK in 2015

Honey-buzzard cont.

	I	CP	TP	YF	Denbigh & Flint	0	0	1	1	0
England, C	1	0	1	0	Gower	0	0	1	1	2
Herefordshire	0	0	1	0	Scotland, S	1	0	1	1	0
Nottinghamshire	1	0	0	0	Dumfries & G'way	1	0	1	1	0
England, N	2	2	3	3	Scotland, Mid	2	0	2	2	0
Cumbria	0	0	1	0	Angus & Dundee	1	0	0	0	0
Yorkshire	2	2	2	3	Moray & Nairn	1	0	0	0	0
Wales	0	1	2	2	Perth & Kinross	0	0	2	2	0
					TOTALS	7	18	39	23	23

White-tailed Eagle Haliaeetus albicilla

Rare 83 bp 25y trend: **strong increase +1,181%** Near-complete

75-108 pairs. For the first time since the re-established population began to breed, in 1985, the UK population exceeded 100 pairs.

White-tailed Eagle

	CP	TP	YF	Fife	1	1	1	Highland	31	45	24
Scotland, Mid	2	3	3	Perth & Kinross	0	1	0	Orkney	1	1	0
Angus & Dundee	1	1	2	Scotland, N & W	73	105	63	Outer Hebrides	19	29	18
				Argyll	22	30	21	TOTALS	75	108	66

Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus

Scarce 354 bp 25y trend: **strong increase +462%** Moderate

343-393 breeding females/pairs. (Some 'pairs' actually refer to multiple females paired with a polygynous male.) There were further signs of range expansion, with the first-ever breeding in Oxfordshire, and the first in Hampshire since 1957.

The last national survey, in 2005 (see Holling *et al.* 2008), found 429 pairs. Data submitted annually to the Panel is incomplete in the core counties of the range (particularly Essex, but also Kent, where at least 25 pairs are thought unaccounted for), which leads to the apparent annual fluctuation in the last decade (fig. 3). Yet despite incomplete coverage, the overall picture is encouraging, with probably 420-450 breeding pairs/females in 2015. Observers are encouraged to report pairs in breeding habitat between April and July (and not to assume that someone else has recorded the birds).

