

SPECIES & ACTIVITY CODES FOR BIRD SURVEY MAPPING.

The list of conventions given below is designed for clear and unambiguous recording. Symbols can be combined as and where necessary. Additional activities of territorial significance, such as, displaying or mating should also be noted using an appropriate clear abbreviation.

CH, CH♂, CH♀ Chaffinch sight records with age, sex
3CH juvs, CH♂/♀ and/or number of birds if appropriate
CH♂ indicates one pair; 2CH♀ means two pairs together.

R fam Juvenile Robins with parent/s in attendance.

R A calling Robin.

R A Robin repeatedly giving alarm calls, etc (not song). Thought to have strong territorial significance

(R) A Robin in song.

~~RR~~ An aggressive encounter between two Robins.

* R An occupied Robin's nest.

BT Blue Tits nesting in a nestbox.

2GT mtg Great Tits mating

2GT disp Great Tits displaying

GT mat Great Tit carrying nesting material.

* D on Dunnock on nest

D food Dunnock carrying food.

Movements of birds are indicated using the following conventions:-

- GR —→ A calling Greenfinch flying over (seen only in flight).
- (B) —→ A singing Blackbird perched then flying away (not seen to land).
- (B) —→ B8 A singing Blackbird perched then flying away and seen landing
- B8 A male Blackbird flying in and landing (first seen in flight).

The following conventions indicate when registrations relate to different birds, and when to the same bird. Their proper use is essential for the accurate assessment of clusters.

- WR —→ WR A Wren moving between two perches. The solid line indicates it was definitely the same bird.

- (WR) - - - (WR) Two Wrens in song at the same time, i.e. definitely different birds. The dotted line indicates a simultaneous registration and is of very great value in separating territories.

- (CH) — (CH) The solid line indicates that the registrations definitely refer to the same bird.

(R) — ? — (R)

A question marked solid line indicates that the registrations relate probably to the same bird.

The following codes relate to species recorded during mapping survey visits to St. Cleer General Cemetery.

B	- Blackbird	CT	- Coal Tit
BT	- Blue Tit	GC	- Goldcrest
CD	- Collared Dove	GT	- Great Tit
CH	- Chaffinch	ST	- Song Thrush
HS	- House Sparrow	BC	- Blackcap
M	- Magpie	CC	- Chiffchaff
R	- Robin	D	- Dunnock
RO	- Rook	GO	- Goldfinch
WP	- Woodpigeon	GR	- Greenfinch
		JD	- Jackdaw
		SG	- Starling.

These codes and conventions were developed by the British Trust for Ornithology for the British passerine species commonly recorded on Common Bird Census plots.