Birds in Greenspaces
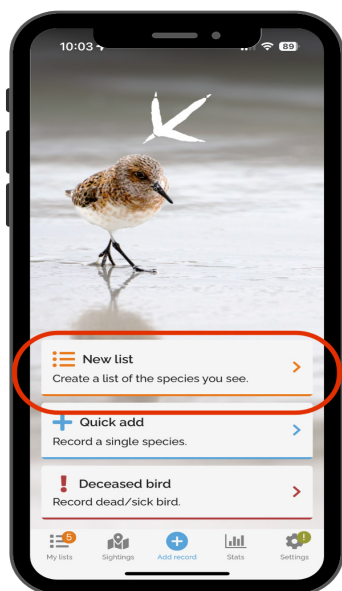## Pilot 2025: Structured survey

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To carry out the **Structured survey** you will need to be able to **identify common birds by sight and sound**, and **make two or more visits**, each of around **one hour duration**. These should be made **early to mid-morning**. You can collect your survey data with the **BirdTrack smart-phone app** or by using **pen and paper**. Binoculars are optional. Please **avoid strong wind or rain or other adverse conditions**. When you do your survey, please record: the **greenspace name** and whether it is in a **town**, **city**, or a **village**. Also record **visit date**, **start time**, **end time**, and the **number of individuals of each species** seen during your visit.

Which birds to record

All birds heard and seen within the survey site. **Avoid counting birds twice** by not doubling back on yourself or counting birds flying from behind you. If you are unable to count a group of birds exactly, please **estimate as closely as possible**. **Don't include birds which are flying a long way overhead**, as it is unlikely that these are using the greenspace.
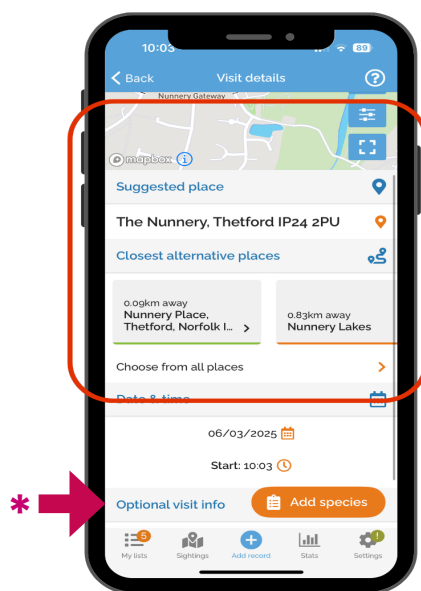
Adding observations

Follow the steps below to record a complete list of species and counts from your chosen greenspace.
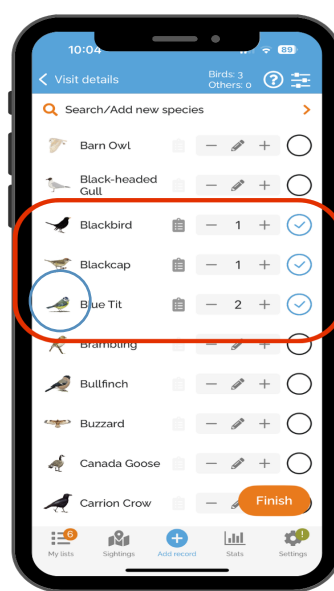

Tip! Click on any bird icon (circled) to enlarge the image.

Step 1
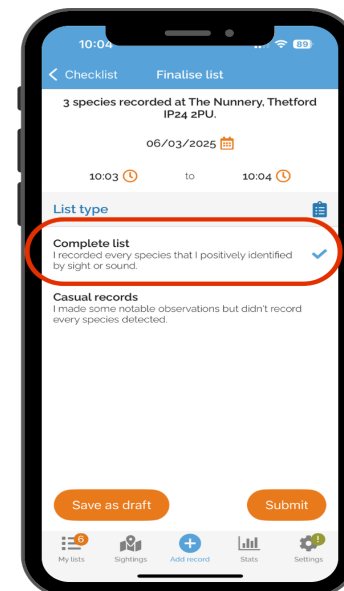Select **new list** from the home-page menu.

Step 2
Use the suggested place OR press on the map to create a point, then click '**Add Species**' to start recording.
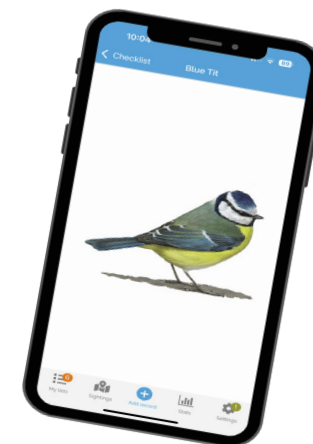
Step 3
Use the **+- buttons** to add or remove birds. To end, click 'Finish'.

Step 4
Select **Complete list** and submit OR **Save as draft** to submit later

* Important. Please write the greenspace name and 'birds in greenspaces' in the comments box under **'Optional visit info'.**