

Bird surveyor

What does the role involve?

In 2021 we completed our second wetland project River of Life II, a project which added wetlands along the River Thames, further supporting birds and other wildlife such as otters as well as mitigating the effects of climate change. In partnership with the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology in Wallingford, we have been able to monitor things like rainfall, wind-speed, temperature as well as record sounds of wildlife and capture images using static cameras, now we want to go a step further and that is where you come in! We are looking for volunteers to survey the different bird species that this developing wetland is attracting.

Time required:	1-2 hours
Frequency:	Ideally once a month
Tasks:	Surveying all bird species observed
Location:	River of Life II near Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ

What skills and experience do you need?

- A good understanding of bird species with good visual and audio identification of birds
- You will need your own pair of binoculars or a spotting scope
- Access to a bird ID book or app is advised

What support you will receive?

Ranger Jake will book in a training session with you prior to surveying where you visit River of Life II. This will be a chance to walk the route and survey species that you see as well as an opportunity to ask any questions. We want to better understand the bird species that use River of Life II throughout the year to provide a good baseline understanding. Jake will run through the survey sheet with you and talk you through how to submit it.

Interesting information

The Ranger team look after over 500 hectares of land around the Earth Trust Centre as well as seven community reserves across South Oxfordshire including both River of Life I & II

<https://earthtrust.org.uk/modern-biodiversity-monitoring/>

<https://earthtrust.org.uk/counting-and-conserving-bird-life-at-earth-trust/>

<https://earthtrust.org.uk/blog-river-of-life-ii/map/>

Get in touch

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