

An ornithological Domesday Book

At a time when good bird habitats are becoming threatened at an ever-increasing rate, the documentation of such areas is of fundamental importance to conservation. The British Trust for Ornithology is currently compiling a Register of all ornithologically important sites, from which it will be possible to extract factual evidence of the need for conservation of any threatened area. The results will also be of great value to those involved in long-term environmental planning. The survey, which covers every type of habitat, aims to record for each site the birds using it on passage, during the breeding season and in the winter. Already a considerable data bank has been compiled which is proving of positive conservation value. There are, however, many areas for which the necessary facts are not yet recorded, and anyone who either knows a site well already or is prepared to carry out fieldwork (even in remote areas while on holiday) can obtain details from **Robert Fuller, Sites Register, BTO, Beech Grove, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5NR.**