

# Requests

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**Norwegian and Swedish atlases** Casual observations from visiting birdwatchers for named squares will be welcomed for inclusion in the atlases of breeding birds of Norway and Sweden. Experienced atlas fieldworkers willing to assist with the projects by undertaking a thorough survey of one or more 10-km or 5-km squares during spring or summer are invited to contact (well before their visit) the relevant national organiser: Steinar Eldøy, Liljevegen 2, 4300 Sandnes, Norway, or Dr Sören Svensson, Zoological Institute, University of Lund, S-223 62 Lund, Sweden.

**Survey of breeding terns in Orkney and Shetland** Recent localised surveys of breeding Arctic Terns *Sterna paradisaea* in Orkney and Shetland suggest that numbers may have decreased since the last major census, during 'Operation Seafarer' in 1969-70. A survey is planned for 1980, with two full-time field-workers, but extra help would be welcomed to ensure that coverage is comprehensive. We shall contact counters known to visit particular colonies, but anyone else who may be in these islands (or indeed any other remote part of Scotland) during June or July and who would be willing to help is asked to contact the local RSPB representatives (David Lea in Orkney and Bobby Tulloch in Shetland), who will be able to provide instructions and recording cards, or to write to Dr L. H. Campbell, RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL.