

MONITORING BIRD POPULATIONS

A MANUAL OF METHODS APPLIED IN FINLAND

The Manual presents standard instructions for bird censuses and other monitoring projects in Finland. In addition to Finnish applications of internationally known methods, it describes several new field methods developed in Finland in recent years. To promote data analysis, prefilled data forms designed for computer input are included.

A national monitoring programme covering the whole bird fauna and all major habitat types within a European country is described in detail. This is the first time that such information has been made available in a single volume.

With minor adjustments, the Finnish integrated monitoring programme is applicable to other countries. The book will be valuable to researchers planning field studies relating to numbers and breeding of birds, as well as the protection of birds and their habitats.

An extensive introductory section provides information on the general principles of bird monitoring. Other topics included are:

- Censuses of winter birds
- Point count, line transect and mapping censuses of breeding land birds
- Point and round counts of breeding waterfowl
- Censuses of archipelago birds
- Raptor counts and censuses of night-singing birds
- Registers of bird sites, threatened bird species and faunistically valuable records
- Nest record cards and studies of box-nesting birds

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