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Dear Judith

MONITORING WILDLIFE AT STANSTED AIRPORT

I would be very grateful for any assistance which the BSNH Society can provide in monitoring the areas of wildlife value at Stansted Airport. The following would be particularly useful:-

Wildlife Area

- Any plants which can be added, with an assessment of relative 1) abundance, to the different areas of grassland and scrub in the area. In particular, we were not planning to record the orchid and would appreciate this patch grassland this year, monitored.
- Any lists of invertebrates, but preferably listed in relation to ii) where they were found, and their relative abundance.
- iii) Any records for amphibia and other aquatic animals.
- Any mammals and birds. It would be very nice to have some idea of iv) the number and location of breeding birds each year, or at least in some years.

Balancing Ponds

- summer/winter/passage divided into i) Records of birds migrants/vagrants/breeding or not, and some ideas of numbers. If a list can be annotated so that we know also which species are special in terms of numbers in Essex, or the District, this would provide much more information.
- Any other animals recorded, their location, and relative numbers. ii)

Obviously the dates when things are recorded are essential too.

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If this kind of surveying, at least in some years, can be conducted, then it will help first in building up a picture of the range present, secondly in evaluating the importance of each area, and thirdly in showing the BAA, (or others) how valuable some areas may be.

Thank you all for the help you have provided in the past, and any assistance in the future.

The areas of wildlife value at Stanated Airport.

Yours sincerely

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