

Carduelis cannabina (Linnet)

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1. Status of the habitat / species

Please give your most accurate assessment of the status of your species or habitat for the UK and for each country. Leave the row blank where the species or habitat does not occur in that country.

| | Amount: | Units: | Year: | Accuracy: | Reference for data: |
|----|---------|----------------------|-------|----------------|---|
| UK | 575000 | Breeding pairs/units | 2000 | Informed guess | Extrapolated from Gibbons, Reid & Chapman: The New Atlas (incorporating 10 yr smoothed CBC trend) |
| E | | | | | No data available |
| NI | | | | | No data available |
| S | | | | | No data available |
| W | | | | | No data available |

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2. Trend in Biological Status

Please give your best estimate of the current trend for your species or habitat for the UK, and each appropriate country, using the following categories. Please give an estimate unless there is absolutely no information on which to assess status.

| | Trend: | Accuracy: | Reference for data: |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| UK | Declining (slow ing) ▼ | Partial or sample survey ▼ | http://www.bto.org/birdtrends/wcrlinne.htm |
| E | Declining (continuing/accelerating) ▼ | Partial or sample survey ▼ | http://www.bto.org/birdtrends/wcrlinne.htm |
| NI | Not know n ▼ | ▼ | Small sample size |
| S | Stable ▼ | Partial or sample survey ▼ | http://www.bto.org/birdtrends/wcrlinne.htm |
| W | Increasing ▼ | Partial or sample survey ▼ | http://www.bto.org/birdtrends/wcrlinne.htm |


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3. Status of knowledge

To what extent is our scientific knowledge of the habitat / species (e.g research information, autecological knowledge, knowledge for effective re-introduction or habitat restoration/re-creation) sufficient to deliver the plan targets?

Please give an assessment for the UK overall but if there is significant difference in knowledge between different countries this should be noted.

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| Status of knowledge: | Know ledge sufficient to effectively deliver the plan targets.  |
| Notes: | <input type="text"/> |

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4. Progress on targets

Each of the revised targets from the 2001 Targets Review is listed below.

For each one please give a qualitative assessment of progress for the UK and each country. You can also enter quantitative information on progress by entering data in each of the target boxes and entering the current amount in the amount box. For more information see Help.

T1: In the short term, halt or reverse the decline in numbers of the linnet by the year 2003 so that the Breeding Bird Survey index is at least at 1996 levels.

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|---------------------------|--|
| Target start date: | <input type="text" value="1998"/> |
| Target end date: | <input type="text" value="2003"/> |
| Target units: | <input type="text"/>  |

| Progress | Target | Current | Accuracy | Monitoring |
|----------|--------|---------|----------|------------|
|----------|--------|---------|----------|------------|

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------|-------|
| UK | Some progress (behind schedule) ▾ | 100 | 94 | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |
| E | No progress ▾ | 100 | 81 | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |
| NI | Unknown ▾ | 100 | | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |
| S | Some progress (on schedule) ▾ | 100 | 111 | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |
| W | Target achieved ▾ | 100 | 176 | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |

T2: In the long term, see a sustained recovery in numbers so that the BBS index is at least 50% higher than 1996 levels by 2008.

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|---------------------------|------|
| Target start date: | 1998 |
| Target end date: | 2008 |
| Target units: | ▾ |

| | Progress | Target | Current | Accuracy | Monitoring |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------------|------------|
| UK | Some progress (behind schedule) ▾ | 150 | 94 | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |
| E | No progress ▾ | 150 | 81 | Partial or sample survey ▾ | Yes ▾ |

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|-----------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| NI | Unknown | 150 | | Partial or sample survey | Yes |
| S | Some progress (on schedule) | 150 | 111 | Partial or sample survey | Yes |
| W | Target achieved | 150 | 176 | Partial or sample survey | Yes |

T3: In the long term see a sustained recovery in range so that it has recovered to the 1968/72 range by 2008.

Target start date: 1998

Target end date: 2008

Target units: Occupied 10 km sq.

| | Progress | Target | Current | Accuracy | Monitoring |
|-----------|----------|--------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| UK | Unknown | | | | Under consideration |
| E | Unknown | | | | Under consideration |
| NI | Unknown | | | | Under consideration |
| S | Unknown | | | | Under consideration |

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|----------|---------|--|--|--|--|---------------------|
| W | Unknown | | | | | Under consideration |
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5. Current factors affecting the habitat

When your plan was published the factors (threats) that were thought to be causing loss or decline were listed (in section 2). Re-assessing the current situation may help prioritise actions for your species or habitat. In addition, this enables identification of the main threats to biodiversity across all plans. It is useful to assess whether the importance of different factors is changing and whether there are new issues emerging.

The threat section from the original plan is duplicated below, and a first attempt at categorising the threats has been made. Please confirm that you agree with the categorisation of the original threats identified in the plan (by deleting any wrongly categorised threats and adding the correct category). Please also add to the list any significant threats that have emerged recently, being mindful of environmental issues that have increased in profile or been recognised since plan publication (e.g. climate change). Once you are happy that the list contains all the threats identified in the published plan together with any new ones, please rank them in order of severity (1= highest threat). If the situation has changed and one of the published threats is no longer significant, please leave this in the list but give this rank = 0.

Current factors affecting the habitat from the original publication:

- 2.1 The recent decline of the linnets has occurred at the same time as decreases in the numbers and/or range of other farmland birds which share its diet of grass and wildflower seeds, and some cereal grains. Linnets are more dependent than other seed-eaters on wildflower seeds during the breeding season, when the chicks are also fed on seeds rather than insects. It is likely that the decline in linnets may be due to changes in agricultural practice, both in the UK and in their wintering range in south-west Europe. These include the increased use of herbicides and fertilisers, the switch from spring-sown to autumn-sown crops and the consequent loss of winter stubble fields, and the general reduction in farmland habitat diversity due to the loss of mixed farming and increased specialisation.
- 2.2 Changes in management of pastoral areas may also have caused declines through the increased use of fertilisers, re-seeding of species-rich fields, more intensive grazing, early cutting for silage and the loss of the small proportion of arable fields that were typically present on such farms.

2.3 The removal of hedges, gorse thickets and other unmanaged scrub, combined with the increased frequency and severity of hedge trimming and heavy grazing in some areas, will have led to losses of suitable nesting habitat.

Keyworded factors:

To add factors click the add button, to delete factors check the delete box and then click the delete button.

| Delete: | Rank: | Keyword: |
|--------------------------|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Intensive crop regimes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Loss of hedgerows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Loss of mixed farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Overgrazing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Habitat loss / degradation - agriculture Re-seeding of pastures / grassland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Pollution - land Agricultural (nutrient enrichment) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Pollution - land Agricultural (other agro-chemicals) |

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6. Constraints (optional)

Select the three most significant constraints to achieving the targets of the plan, and indicate the order of priority (1-3 with 1 being the most significant constraint). Only include constraints that are acting as a real blockage to delivering the plan targets or leading to a substantial delay in their delivery. For each constraint, please indicate whether you feel that it is within the ability of the lead partner or steering group to resolve the constraint.

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| Constraint 1: | |
| Constraint keyword: | Country: |
| Policy, legislation and designation Agriculture (incl. Common Agricultural Policy) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W |
| Solution: | Solution type: |
| Persuade EU to implement changes at mid-term review | Legislation and policies |
| Able to resolve: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Constraint 2: | |
| Constraint keyword: | Country: |
| Funding and incentives Agricultural schemes - changes needed to structure / payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W |
| Solution: | Solution type: |
| UK Govts to make more money available through further modulation | Funding and incentive schemes |

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| Able to resolve: | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Constraint 3: | | |
| Constraint keyword: | | Country: |
| Funding and incentives Agricultural schemes - changes needed to structure / payments | | <input type="checkbox"/> UK <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W |
| Solution: | | Solution type: |
| Devolved Assemblies to develop agri-environment schemes alongside Defra model | | |
| Able to resolve: | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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7. Steering Group

Please list all organisations that are represented on the steering group for your species/habitat (include all organisations that have contributed either directly or by correspondence within the last 3 years). Where a steering group does not exist please leave this form blank.

To add organisations click the add button, to delete organisations check the delete box and then click the delete button.

Delete: Organisation:

- British Trust for Ornithology
- Countryside Council for Wales
- Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland
- Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland
- English Nature
- Environment and Heritage Service
- Game Conservancy Trust
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee
- National Assembly for Wales Agriculture Department
- Pesticides Safety Directorate
- Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Division

Scottish Natural Heritage

Syngenta

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8. Other Groups/Organisations

Please list any additional groups/organisations that are actively involved in implementing your action plan. (This is to try to assess which groups are involved where there is no steering group and any additional contributors). If you do not have any other organisations involved, click here.

To add organisations click the add button, to delete organisations check the delete box and then click the delete button.

9. Linkages to LBAPs

a) Which of the following most accurately describes your interaction with LBAPs, up to now?

Little or no contact with LBAPs. 

b) If you have been in contact with LBAPs how was it initiated?



c) Irrespective of current contact, how important do you consider LBAP co-ordinated action will be in achieving the targets of the plan? Select from category:

Unimportant ▼

d) If you consider LBAP action to be anything other than unimportant, which of the following forms of engagement do you think would be appropriate? (Note, you may tick more than one category.)

- Indirect contact (e.g. posting information on UKBAP website, sharing work programmes, meeting schedules, articles in Biodiversity News, newsletter)
- Provision of generic information on habitat and/or species (e.g. advice and guidance on habitat/species ecology and management)
- Direct provision of advice (e.g. proactive approach to LBAP, response to consultations from LBAPs, advice on LBAP target setting)
- Reciprocal attendance at meetings
- Development of collaborative projects

Other (please specify):

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10. Successes (optional)

Have there been key successes in the implementation of your plan that should be drawn to the attention of government, the wider BAP partnership, or the public? Please give a brief description (i.e. 2-3 sentences) of up to three successes and allocate a topic area to each of them:

Success 1:

Description:

Partnership between DEFRA, industry, SCAs & NGOs to design and deliver effective solutions

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Partnership | Government support

Success 2:

Description:

Autecological research identified causes of decline

Country:

UK E NI S W

Keyword:

Research, survey and information | Autecology - improved knowledge

Success 3:

Description:

Country:

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> UK | <input type="checkbox"/> E | <input type="checkbox"/> NI | <input type="checkbox"/> S | <input type="checkbox"/> W |
| Keyword: | | | | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | | | | |

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Thank you for answering the questions. You have not yet completed all of the questions. You can go back and answer the additional ones or edit the ones you have already answered whenever you want.

Sign-off:

When you have completed all of the questions that you are able to, you must sign off your reporting.

I agree that the steering group (if present) have agreed the information in this report and that the following contact point has also signed it off:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|--|
| Contact point: | <input type="text" value="Defra"/> | email: | <input type="text" value="andy.evans@"/> |
| Your name: | <input type="text" value="Andy Evans"/> | | |
| Date: | <input type="text" value="13 01 03"/> | | |
