**RECORDING BIRDS IN SURREY**

All records are welcomed by the County Recorder. It would be of great assistance if observers would comply with the following guidelines when submitting records.

* Please submit your sightings to the County Recorder as soon as possible, at the latest by Jan 31st of the subsequent year.
* Guidelines for the inclusion of records:
  + For commoner species at regularly watched sites, dated monthly maxima
  + All breeding records for all species; counts of territories at a site are particularly valuable
  + All records of species red and amber listed in Birds of Conservation Concern
  + First and last dates of migrant species
  + Notable flocks or passage movements
  + Species away from regular sites or outside their usual seasons
  + Interesting or unusual behaviour
* Records of species requiring a description will not be published unless they have been accepted by the SBC Records Committee.
* In addition, full descriptions are required for all species assessed by the British Birds Rarities Committee. As it can take some time before a verdict is reached observers are asked to submit all rare bird records as soon as possible after the event, together with full descriptions.
* All records of escapes are also welcomed, as are records of hybrids and birds showing plumage aberrations. In difficult cases, e.g. Aythya hybrids, supporting notes may be required.
* All records of distinctive subspecies are required. In some cases supporting notes may be requested.