

Rookery Survey 2025

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We have undertaken a massive amount of work and with Ashley Allerton, a database specialist, we have the aspiration of making the system work efficiently and in the most user-friendly way, encouraging contributions from the widest possible *Citizen Science* audience.

If you know what a rookery is you can contribute.

The Rookery Survey system will endure in the name and in the care of the Shropshire Ornithological Society: data from future systematic surveys of rookeries will be secure.

From early September, fieldwork starts in earnest checking known rookeries for social activity and logging **every newly found** rookery. Then in April 2025 nest counting will be completed.

To find out more see **Rookery Survey** here: <https://www.lanius.org.uk/rookerysurvey/>

From September to the end of March the task is to log every site showing activity likely to lead to breeding prior to nest counting in April. Rookery location markers on the updated map will change according to the progress through to nest counting.

You will have access to a number of maps showing previously known rookery sites - historical records and the surveys of 1975, 2008 and 2020. For the 2025 Rookery Survey the map will commence showing rookeries from the most recent Survey.

Full details will be available in early September here: <https://www.lanius.org.uk/rookerysurvey/>

You will soon be able to help in these ways:

- Register your interest
- Check known and report previously unrecorded rookeries
- Submit or update your site records
- You will receive thanks for your input and, in time, notes on the results

Please distribute information about this survey to anyone you think may be interested, by whatever means you have eg. social media etc. Thanks: Shropshire Rookeries Team.

The website can be found here: <https://www.lanius.org.uk/rookerysurvey/> where you can also see the latest progress reports.

We look forward to your involvement.