

Walkover Survey Form

BAU: 4	Property: [REDACTED]	HU: [REDACTED]
Surveyor: [REDACTED]	Survey Date: 16/06/2023	Target Species: Merlin (habitat assessment)
Start & End Time: 11.00 – 14.00		
Weather Conditions: Dry & overcast with relatively good visibility.		
Main Habitats Surveyed: Conifer High Forest and clearfelled conifer plantation.		

Species Name	Species Code	Count	Breeding Evidence	Notes / Location:
Chaffinch	CH	1	S	
Woodpigeon	WP	1	S	
Goldcrest	GC	1	S	
Wren	WR	1	S	
Meadow Pipit	MP	1	F	
Robin	R.	1	S	
Hooded Crow	HC	5+	F	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	GS		H	Drumming heard multiple times; holes observed in standing deadwood (snap).
Long-tailed Tit	LT	2	P	Pair observed
Great Tit	GT		B	Observed visiting hole in deadwood made by GS
Willow Warbler	WW	1	S	
Other records of interest (plants, mammals, inverts, etc.) N/A				

Summary of Main Findings: Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming heard, and possible future nesting location found. See photos below.
Recommended Next Steps: Great Spotted Woodpecker attempted nesting hole location mapped as a biodiversity feature of interest.

Survey Limitations:

This walkover survey was conducted during a Merlin habitat assessment associated with a specific harvest unit [REDACTED] for 2023 breeding survey pilots. Therefore, full walkover survey methods were not used (VP ect).



Figure 1. Attempted Great Spotted Woodpecker nesting hole observed.