

Walkover Survey Form

BAU: 4	Property: [REDACTED]	/FL [REDACTED]
Surveyor: [REDACTED]	Survey Date: 26/07/2023	Target Species: Buzzard
Start & End Time: 1.00 – 4.00		
Weather Conditions: Initially overcast and dry - turning to heavy showers.		
Main Habitats Surveyed: Conifer High Forest and clear-felled conifer plantation.		

Species Name	Species Code	Count	Breeding Evidence	Notes / Location:
Robin	R.	1	H	
Goldcrest	GC	1+	S	Multiple heard throughout survey
Chaffinch	CH	2+	S	Multiple heard throughout survey
Wren	WR	1	S	
Jay	J.	2	P	Pair observed & heard multiple times, nesting location not identified.
Crossbill (Common)	CR	3	F	Flying Over
Siskin	SK	1+	S	Heard twice during survey
Coal Tit	CT	2	P	Pair heard and observed
Blue Tit	BT	2	P	Pair heard and observed
Treecreeper	TC	1	H	Observed
Blackcap	BC	1	H	Female observed
Hooded Crow	HC	1	F	
Buzzard	BZ			Nest observed- not currently active.
Other records of interest (plants, mammals, inverts, etc.) N/A				

Summary of Main Findings:

- Main target of this survey was a suspected buzzard nest recorded as active in 2021 “Active raptor nest in DF”. Nest was identified, but not found to be currently active.
- Considerable wet periods throughout survey during which few species were identified.
- The majority of species were observed and heard in a single area within a brief dry spell.

Recommended Next Steps:

- Pre-operation survey of previously used nest if operations are planned to be undertaken during breeding season.

Survey Limitations:

- Weather conditions limited survey results, particularly during heavy showers, no VP undertaken due to poor visibility, lack of optimal VP location and general weather conditions.



Figure 1. Location of the in-active nest observed within the canopy.



Figure 2. Close up image of the in-active nest located two thirds of the way up a Douglas fir tree.