



## VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

### Bird Counter Volunteer

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<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Harwich Haven; Stour &amp; Orwell Estuaries</b>
<b>TEAM:</b>	Wilder Ecology Consultancy
<b>VOLUNTEER MANAGER:</b>	Samantha Smith
<b>DBS REQUIRED:</b>	N/A

#### ROLE PURPOSE

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust is an inspiring and impactful organisation with a compelling vision for our county “A Wilder Suffolk where nature is thriving and abundant because everyone is doing more to help”.

In the decade to 2030, we are committed to scaling up our activities across the county, to bring nature back to Suffolk. Our aim is for 30% of our county to be connected and well looked after for nature by 2030, so that our species and habitats can recover and thrive – and for 1 in 4 people to be actively helping to achieve this.

The Bird Counter Volunteer will support the Wilder Ecology Consultancy Team with a range of varied tasks including:

- Use your experience with waterbird/wintering surveys such as WeBS counts or similar winter low tide bird surveys.
- Identify all the waterbird species present and count the number of individuals of each species, using your knowledge of waders, waterfowl, rails, diver, grebes, cormorants and herons. "Waterbirds" includes wildfowl (ducks, geese and swans), waders, rails, divers, grebes, cormorants and herons. Gulls and terns are optionally included.
- Equipment such as a scope is desirable, to help identify waterbirds from a distance

#### OUR CULTURE

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[Our organisational culture matters to us and enables us to achieve more for wildlife.](#)

All Suffolk Wildlife Trust volunteers receive health and safety and safeguarding training, and any other training relevant to the role, to ensure our volunteers are volunteering in a safe environment and understand the relevant compliance needs.

We are driven by our shared values and passion for nature and support each other – staff and volunteers - to be the best we can to deliver for nature. We constantly strive to communicate and collaborate brilliantly, representing Suffolk Wildlife Trust in a friendly, professional and well-informed manner.

#### WILD ABOUT INCLUSION

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust is committed to an inclusive and diverse workplace where everyone is welcome. As a conservation charity, we recognise the importance of diversity in both nature and our workforce of

staff and volunteers. We strive to ensure that everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute to our vision of “A Wilder Suffolk where nature is thriving and abundant because everyone is doing more to help”.