

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The project aims to design, develop, and trail an innovative suite of measures that will be used in conjunction with known actions for the benefit of Breeding Waders. This combination will seek to;

- Halt the decline in the Irish Breeding Wader population.
- Improve awareness of Breeding Waders and associated downward pressures.
- Drive population recovery on a National level.
- Increase capacity in the Predation Risk Management sector.
- Develop collaborative approaches to Breeding Wader Conservation with other Agri-environmental schemes, projects and stakeholders.
- Implement positive Breeding Wader actions on non-commercially farmed land.
- Utilise applied research outcomes to enhance Breeding Wader conservation into the future.
- Drive policy and increase awareness of the needs of Breeding Waders among policy makers.



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BREEDING WADERS

E I P

The Breeding Waders EIP project aims to secure existing Breeding Wader populations and support population recovery through landscape management and policy development.

This EIP-Agri project is a €25 million nationwide project, co-funded by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.



BACKGROUND

Since the 1970s, Ireland's breeding wader populations have suffered dramatic declines in population size and national breeding range. Many of these declines are so significant that the remaining breeding populations are teetering on the brink of extirpation, functional extinction, or both.

The primary objective of this EIP is to tackle the multifaceted causes behind the significant declines in breeding wader populations, including changes in land use and policy. Central to achieving the project's goals is the enhancement of productivity within these populations.

The project team will establish connections with landowners, stakeholders and communities to foster a comprehensive understanding of the requirements of breeding waders within the landscape. By recognising, valuing, and protecting these species, the EIP-Agri project is promoting a range of ecosystem services that are of benefit to the whole of society.

The project will be delivered by a consortium of project partners, led by Irish Rural Link in collaboration with Irish Wildlife Services, Michael Martyn Agri-Environment, the Hen Harrier Programme, Atlantic Technological University, University College Dublin, Dublin Zoo and Fota Wildlife Park.



SPECIES

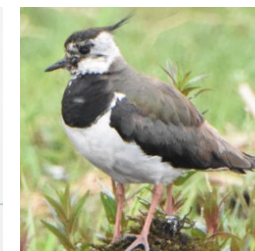
This Breeding Waders EIP project will focus on the following species and their relevant population sizes and declines:



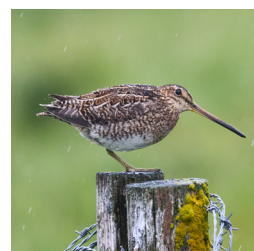
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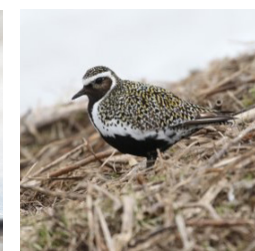
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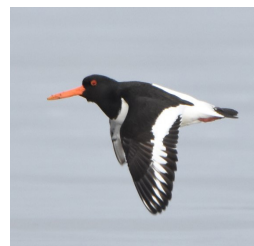
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Dunlin



Golden Plover



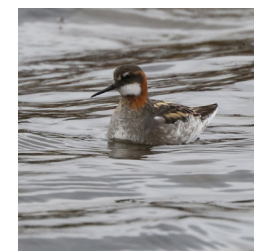
Oystercatcher



Ringed Plover



Common Sandpiper



Red-necked Phalarope