

Back from the Brink – Species summary


Stone Curlew

BftB project: IP07 Shifting Sands – Securing a future for the Brecks

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Partner organisation for species: RSPB

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| Species name – common & scientific | Stone curlew (<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>) |
| Photograph |  <p>© RSPB / Back from the Brink</p> |
| Taxon group | Family: Burhinidae |
| Conservation status | IUCN: least concern UK: amber |
| UK distribution | Breckland is the UK primary stronghold. Also found in Wiltshire. |
| Habitat associations | Open habitats with sparse vegetation |
| BftB work carried out: | |
| Survey & Monitoring | Not monitoring but in touch with RSPB Stone curlew recovery project for collaboration. |
| Sites habitat management works | Small areas of bare ground (suitable habitat) created through rabbit & plant workstreams. Preparatory work could be in the form of keystone species advice toolkit for landowners. |

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| Technical advice provision | The landowner advice toolkit 'Techniques to encourage European rabbit recovery' advises ways to restore a keystone species that maintain conditions suitable for this species. |
| Links made with other taxa / conservation work? | In touch with RSPB stone curlew recovery project. |
| BftB results obtained: | |
| Species Recovery Curve progress made | Baseline: 8 Current estimate: 8 |
| Overview of plans for future monitoring:- | Monitoring will continue by landowners across the Brecks, coordinated by RSPB. |