



CETTI'S WARBLER SURVEY MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2009



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Cetti's Warbler has become well established in Essex over the last decade but they are very susceptible to cold weather. Their colonisation began way back in 1976 but the cold winters from 1985 stopped them dead in their tracks.

They tried again in the early 90's but again they petered out and it was not until 1999 that they got going in earnest, helped by the series of mild winters we have enjoyed since then

So the big question is, what effect has this cold winter had on their numbers.

Therefore the Essex Birdwatching Society with the backing of the RSPB in Essex are organising a survey for the months of March, April and May. We would like all members in the course of their normal birding activities to record all singing males.

Please send the records to Andrew Thompson at:

andrewthompson293@uko2.co.uk with

Date

Site name with grid reference if possible (for any sensitive site then state area)

Number of singing males

Observers name

Andrew will publish the results as a small article in the Essex Birding Magazine as well as the records being obviously included in the county records.