

Beached Bird Survey – NE England

Example form

Surveyor: Daniel M Turner

Date: 13 Mar 2005

Location (name and grid refs): Seaton Sluice car park for 1.5 km to North and 0.5 km to South.

Time: 10:30 - 11:40

And 14:40 – 15:05

Shore length: 2.0 km – surveyed in two parts today (1.5km south section and 0.5 north section later)

Type of Survey (circle/underline type): **MONTHLY CORE SURVEY** (~~or ADDITIONAL SURVEY~~)

Weather conditions and tide height:

Morning: Cool, tide low, dry, visibility good, three octas cloud cover, sunny, light N wind.

Afternoon: Cool, tide half, dry, GV, 4 octas cloud cover, light N wind.

Amount of litter on shore: light rubbish, moderate vegetation – perhaps washed down river.

To what extent was oil present on the shore? None

Numbers of other people present during survey: 90 people, 37 dogs.

Live birds:

Notes:

For oiling of birds (in table below) please record: not oiled/light/moderate/heavily oiled

Species	Age	Condition of corpse	Oiling	Rings	Comments
Guillemot	Adult	Complete	None	None	One week dead. Thin. Something in mouth / throat – poking out of mouth.
Razorbill	W+2	Complete, body rotten	None	None	Three weeks dead.
Guillemot	Adult	Complete, fresh to one week dead.	None	None	Flesh gone from legs
Auk sp Gui / Raz	?	Wings and sternum	None	N/A	4 weeks dead +.
Auk sp. Gui / Raz	?	Wings and sternum	None	N/A	4 weeks dead + Right wing: 199mm
Razorbill	W+2	Complete	Moderate	None	Thin. Fair amount of oil on rear underside of body right side, flank and tail. Measurements and photos taken.
Common Gull	Adult	Right wing only	None	N/A	
Guillemot	Adult	Complete	None	None	Thin. Dead 1-3 weeks
Kittiwake	Adult	Left wing only	None	N/A	
Auk sp. Gui / Raz	?	Complete apart from no head and body rotted, sternum present.	None	None	
Puffin	Adult winter	Complete	None	None	Few days dead. Measurements taken.
Puffin	Adult	Complete	None	None	Thin. Up to a week dead Measurements and photos taken.
Razorbill	W+2	Complete	None	None	2-3 weeks dead. Thin.