
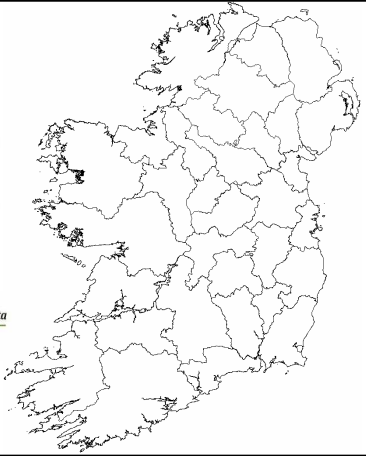
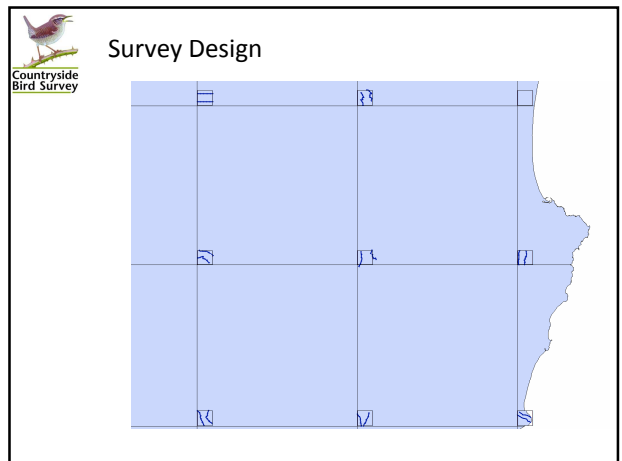
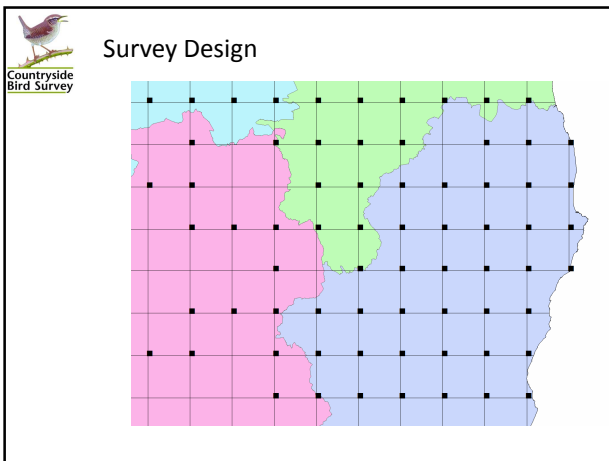
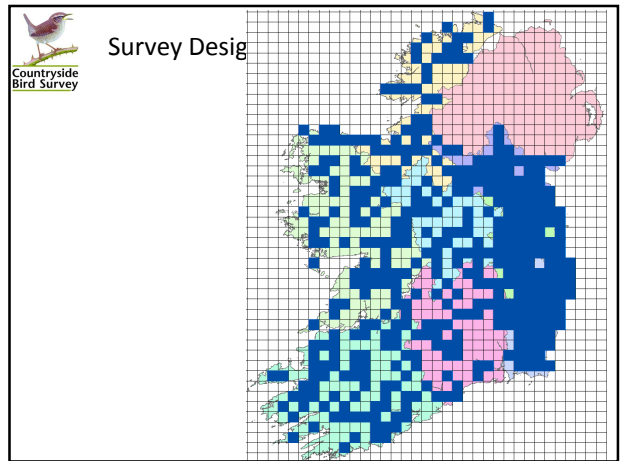
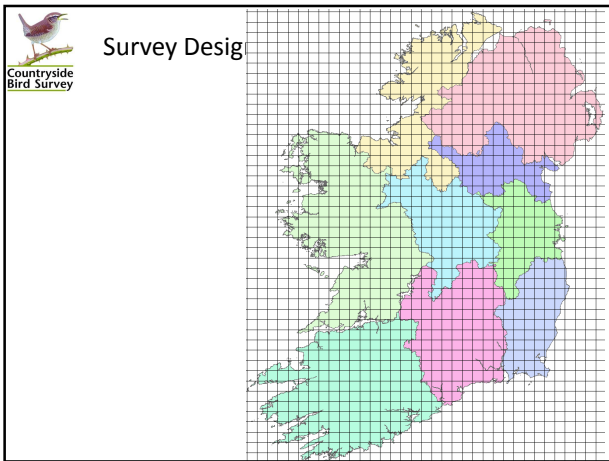
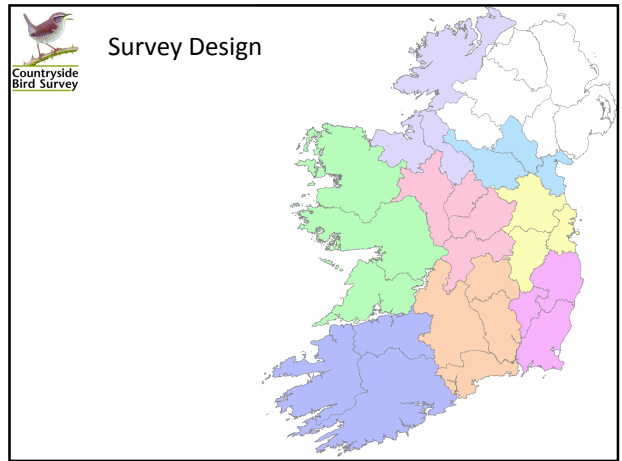
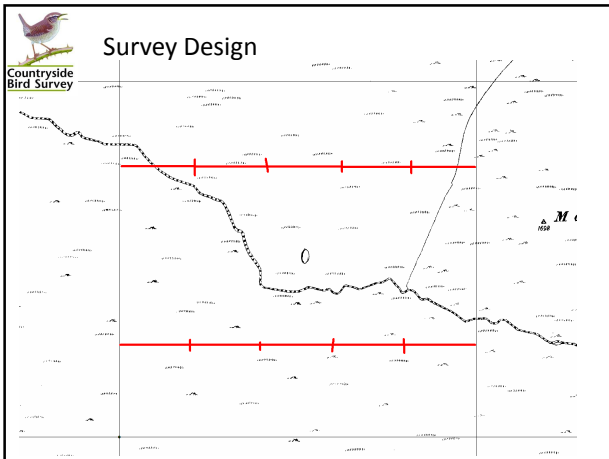


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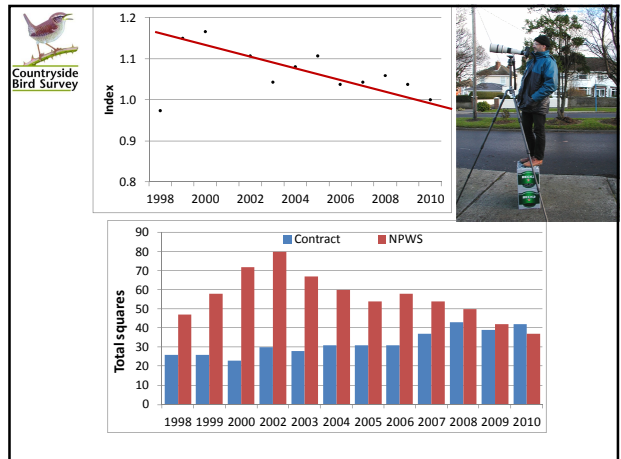
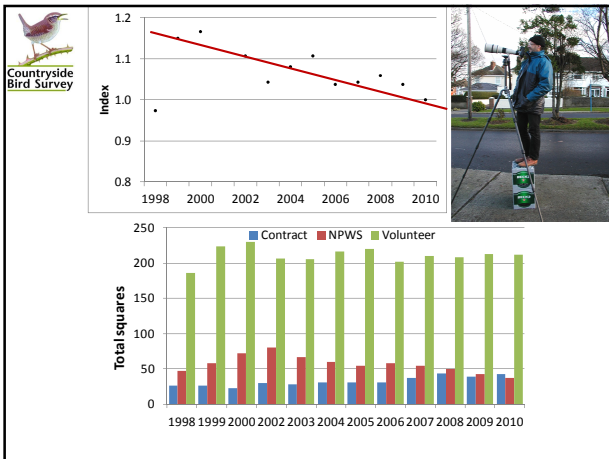
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Taxonomic species code and species name	Distance category	Number of birds recorded on each transect section																		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10									
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Wen	3																			
	F																			
B	1																			
Blackbird	3																			
	F																			
R	1																			
Robin	3																			
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C H	1																			
Chaffinch	3																			
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W P	1																			
Woodpigeon	3																			
	F																			
S L	1																			
Swallow	3																			
	F																			
S T	1																			
Song Thrush	3																			

- Adult birds & habitats
- 2 visits – early and late
- Early morning visits

BTO HABITAT CODING SCHEME

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
1. Broadleaved Wood	1.1 Broadleaved Wood	1.1.1 Broadleaved Wood	1.1.1.1 Broadleaved Wood	1.1.1.1.1 Broadleaved Wood	1.1.1.1.1.1 Broadleaved Wood
2. Conifer Wood	2.1 Conifer Wood	2.1.1 Conifer Wood	2.1.1.1 Conifer Wood	2.1.1.1.1 Conifer Wood	2.1.1.1.1.1 Conifer Wood
3. Scrub	3.1 Scrub	3.1.1 Scrub	3.1.1.1 Scrub	3.1.1.1.1 Scrub	3.1.1.1.1.1 Scrub
4. Grassland	4.1 Grassland	4.1.1 Grassland	4.1.1.1 Grassland	4.1.1.1.1 Grassland	4.1.1.1.1.1 Grassland
5. Pasture	5.1 Pasture	5.1.1 Pasture	5.1.1.1 Pasture	5.1.1.1.1 Pasture	5.1.1.1.1.1 Pasture
6. Arable	6.1 Arable	6.1.1 Arable	6.1.1.1 Arable	6.1.1.1.1 Arable	6.1.1.1.1.1 Arable
7. Wetland	7.1 Wetland	7.1.1 Wetland	7.1.1.1 Wetland	7.1.1.1.1 Wetland	7.1.1.1.1.1 Wetland
8. Water	8.1 Water	8.1.1 Water	8.1.1.1 Water	8.1.1.1.1 Water	8.1.1.1.1.1 Water
9. Open Ground	9.1 Open Ground	9.1.1 Open Ground	9.1.1.1 Open Ground	9.1.1.1.1 Open Ground	9.1.1.1.1.1 Open Ground
10. Urban	10.1 Urban	10.1.1 Urban	10.1.1.1 Urban	10.1.1.1.1 Urban	10.1.1.1.1.1 Urban



Changing behaviour...

- Observers slipping into 'bad habits'
 - doing one visit only
 - Habitat form not completed every year – many saying 'same as last year' – are we missing subtle differences in habitats between years?
 - Observers not covering squares (and not informing about this until end of season)
- High turnover – increasing reliance on contractors

Maintain feedback to participants

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2012 – re-launch of CBS

- Manual & workshops
- Trying to attract Bird Atlas 2007-2011 volunteers who are now 'redundant'

