

## Common Bird Census in Flanders, Belgium:

towards Belgian indices!

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## CBC in Flanders: achievements

- Methodology in short:
  - point counts in randomly selected and stratified 1x1 km squares (1200)
  - Three year cycle
  - Min. of 300 squares each year. Once chosen, volunteers ought to stick to the 3-year cycle.
- Start of the project in 2007
- Complete data for 2007-2010 allowing for a first paired comparison (2007 vs 2010)
- Regional trends publication in november 2011



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## CBC: problems and plans?

- Collaboration between INBO and Natuurpunt (NP)
- Government will finance NP but discussion is still ongoing
- Towards integration of the Flemish, Walloon and Brussels data in a true Belgian index: starting this year after the completion of the second three-year cycle in Flanders.



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