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Enc: list for PERT, + any extras for GBCR, GBTR, cards 8

Dear Richard

BTO HERONRIES CENSUS 2012, region PERT

Another counting season for the Heronries Census is about to begin. I confirm we would like you to act as Heronries Census regional organiser for Perthshire (PERT) this year. **I'd be grateful if you could let me know straight away if you can't do this for any reason, so that we can try to make alternative arrangements.**

I enclose the latest colony listings that cover your BTO region, with the explanatory *Notes for ROs*. Please give priority for HC coverage to sites known to be active, whether listed or not, and to any sites of 'unknown' status (marked 'C'): the indexing program assumes that most 'C' heronries still hold as many nests as when last reported, so that verifying their current status is important. All new data and corrections – for any year – are always most welcome.

Please remain alert for heronries that are not on our lists. For any "new" heronries that are counted in 2012, observers should aim to record whether they could have been occupied, or were definitely unoccupied, in any earlier years.

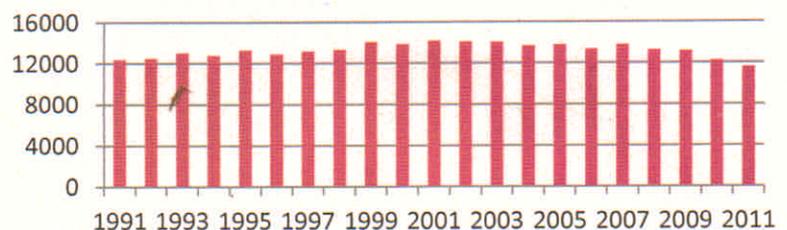
A new batch of blank cards is enclosed, for you to distribute to your contacts. The number we think you may need are enclosed: please ask for more, or for other assistance, as required.

Don't forget that egrets are fully included in the Heronries Census: counts of 'apparently occupied' egret nests are wanted, and heronries with egrets should be registered even if there are no Grey Herons nesting there. Grey Heron trend information since 1928, for the UK and for its countries separately, is available at www.bto.org/birdtrends. Provisional UK results for 2011 indicate another weather-related fall, to the lowest level since 1988 – see below.

Thank you very much for your support for this survey. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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