


Colour ring schemes for Twite studies in the UK & Northern Ireland, 2009 onwards.

Ringers/Ringing groups are responsible for registering their own colour ring scheme with the BTO & CR-birding.

Scotland.

Fair isle BO. Deryk Shaw, fibo@btconnect.com; www.fairislebirdobs.co.uk.

Possibly inactive.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left	Notes
W	M		2010

Orkney. Colin Corse, corse@aol.com.

Possibly inactive.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
B	Y	M	R	Western Adult 2009-2010
Y	B	M	R	Western Juv. 2009 – 2010
M	R	B	Y	Eastern Adult 2009-2010
M	R	Y	B	Eastern Juv. 2009 – 2010
G	Y	M	R	Western Adult 2010 -2011
Y	G	M	R	Western Juv. 2010 – 2011
M	R	G	Y	Eastern Adult 2010 – 2011
M	R	Y	G	Eastern Juv. 2010-2011
R	W	M	R	Western Adult 2011-2012
W	R	M	R	Western Juv. 2011-2012
M	R	R	W	Eastern Adult 2011-
M	R	W	R	Eastern Juv. 2011

Caithness. Hugh Clarke, hughandbruna@btinternet.com.

Possibly inactive.

Right	Left	Notes
CR or Metal	CR or Metal	Colour changes annually.

Highland. Tony Mainwood, tony.mainwood@btinternet.com.

RAS. Colours cycled depending on year.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
W	G	G	M	2010 Adult
M	G	W	G	2010 Juv.
R	G	M	G	2011 Adult
G	M	R	G	2011 Juv.
G	G	M	G	2012 Adult
G	M	G	G	2012 Juv.

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Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
G	L	M	L	Clachtoll
L	G	M	L	Durness

Grampian RG. Ben Herschell, benherschell@hotmail.com or Raymond Duncan, rduncan393@outlook.com.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
M	Y	X	Y	Ythan (Forveran)
M	Y	X	O	Donside
M	Y	X	W	Montrose

X=Year colour, Yellow, White & Orange to cycle over 3 years.

Montrose, 2008 onwards.

2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
O	Y	W	n/a	B	R	G	W	O	W	Y
W	W	W	n/a	W	W	W	W	W	W	W

Priest Island. Hugh Insley, hugh.insley@btinternet.com.
Possibly inactive.

Right	Left	Notes
M	W	Nestlings only

Nick Wilkinson (RSPB), nick.wilkinson@rspb.co.uk
Has run projects in Outer Hebrides, birds fitted with individual combinations. No longer active.

Machrihanish BO. Rab Morton, sanda.bo@btinternet.com or machrihanishbirds@btinternet.com.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
M				2010
		M		2011
Coded G			M	2014 – onward 2 alpha/numeric

Oa Nature Reserve, Islay. Jamie Dunning, jamedunning8@googlemail.com or David Wood david.wood@rspb.org.uk.

Right	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
Coded N	Y	M	No yellow ring pre winter 2018

Ireland.

Mayo & Donegal. Derek Mcloughlin, twitestudy@yahoo.ie.
Possibly inactive.

Right	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
M + CR (above or below)	U B W N O V	U B W N O V	

Wales.

North Wales, Kelvin Jones, kelvin.jones@bto.org or Ian Spence, ian.spence@zen.co.uk.

Right	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
M	O	**	

Right	Left Upper	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
Coded O	M	N R W B O P Y L	N R W B O P Y L	2 alpha/numeric

2015 Onwards.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
N R W B O P Y L	N R W B O P Y L	Coded O	M	2 alpha/numeric

England.

Heysham BO. Alan Draper, alandraper@fsmail.net.
Possibly now inactive.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left	Notes
M	P	Coded W	2 numeric

2015 onwards.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left	Notes
M	P	Coded R	2 numeric

Isle of Mann. Sean Grey, grayimages@gmail.com.
Possibly inactive.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left	Notes
M	W	**	

2014 onwards.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left	Notes
M	W	Coded W	2 numeric

NW England, including Pennines & Derbyshire. Jamie Dunning, jamiedunning8@googlemail.com, Dr Stephen Christmas, se.christmas@ntlworld.com or Nick Wilkinson, nick.wilkinson@rspb.org.uk.
2013 – 2015.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
			M	

2015 – Onwards (Carmine or Silver denote Derbyshire origin).

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
			M	

2008-2010, Nick Wilkinson, see above.

Now inactive.

Right Upper	Right Lower	Left Upper	Left Lower	Notes
			M	

Prior to 2010, David Sowter.

(Including guide to former site/year rings)

Right leg with Metal ring denotes site ringed.

Site	Corresponding colour	Notes
Light Hazzles		Carmine 2007/Red 2008
Deer hill / Fly Flats		
Ribble estuary		
Sefton		
Heysham		
Cant Clough		
South Cumbria		
Tees RG		
Northumberland		
North Wales		

Split rings reversed from May in some cases to denote post-breeding.

Year	Corresponding colour	Notes
2002 - June 2003		
July - Dec 2003		B/O
Jan - June 2004		O/B
July - Dec 2004		N/W
Jan - June 2005		W/N
July - Dec 2005		W/O
Jan - June 2006		O/W
July - Dec 2006		B/Y
Jan - June 2007		Y/B
July - Dec 2007		Y/B over site ring
2008		W/B either way up
2009		W/R either way up
2010		W/G either way up

Following table shows suggested rings for coming years, although not currently used in the South Pennines as of 2014.

Year	Corresponding colour	Notes
2011		B/O
2012		B/G
2013		B/R
2014		B/N
2015		B/Y
2016		W/O
2017		W/N
2018		W/R
2019		W/G
2020		W/B

