Bird Sighting Recording Form – Habitats.

The following habitat codes have been adopted by the Society to represent the large range of habitats in Andalucia. These codes are to be used by members when providing bird-sighting data. They are aligned to the habitat codes used by SEO to allow the interchange of data when necessary.

W - Woodland – Woodland covers habitat which has trees greater than 3 metres tall occupying more than 5% of the study area. Agricultural and urban woodlands are coded separately in Farmland and Inhabited Areas.

S - Scrub – Scrub includes habitat that have plants less than 3 metres tall occupying more than 25% of the study area. Agricultural and urban scrublands are coded separately in Farmland and Inhabited Areas.

P - Pasture – Pasture is defined as all those open habitats (<5% of trees and <25% of shrubs) in which the predominant vegetation is not woody, except in the case of agricultural and urban, which are coded separately in Farmland and Inhabited Areas.

F - Farmland – Farmland is habitats that are under agricultural management that clearly achieve coverage in the study area of more than 25%.

H - Inhabited Areas – These are habitats subject to constant human presence, except in the case of agriculture, which is coded separately.

WT - Interior Wetlands – Interior Wetlands includes habitats such as treeless river banks (rivers, streams, ditches, etc., more than a meter wide) and reservoirs, lakes, ponds, lagoons, marshes etc.

C - Coasts – Coasts includes habitats such as the open sea, cliffs, shore land, beaches, estuaries, coastal salt marshes and dunes.

R - Interior Rocky Terrain – This code includes habitats with little or no vegetation such as mountains, extensive areas of large boulders, scree, steep rocky gorges etc.)

O - Other – This code covers any habitat that is not covered by the habitat codes above. When using this code please state what habitat you are referring too.