Trend in Breeding Waders across the Whole of Strathspey 2000 to 2015

Farmland wader pairs 2000-2015

Trend in Breeding Waders at Balnafettach 2011 and 2015

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# Strathspey Wader Survey 2000-2015
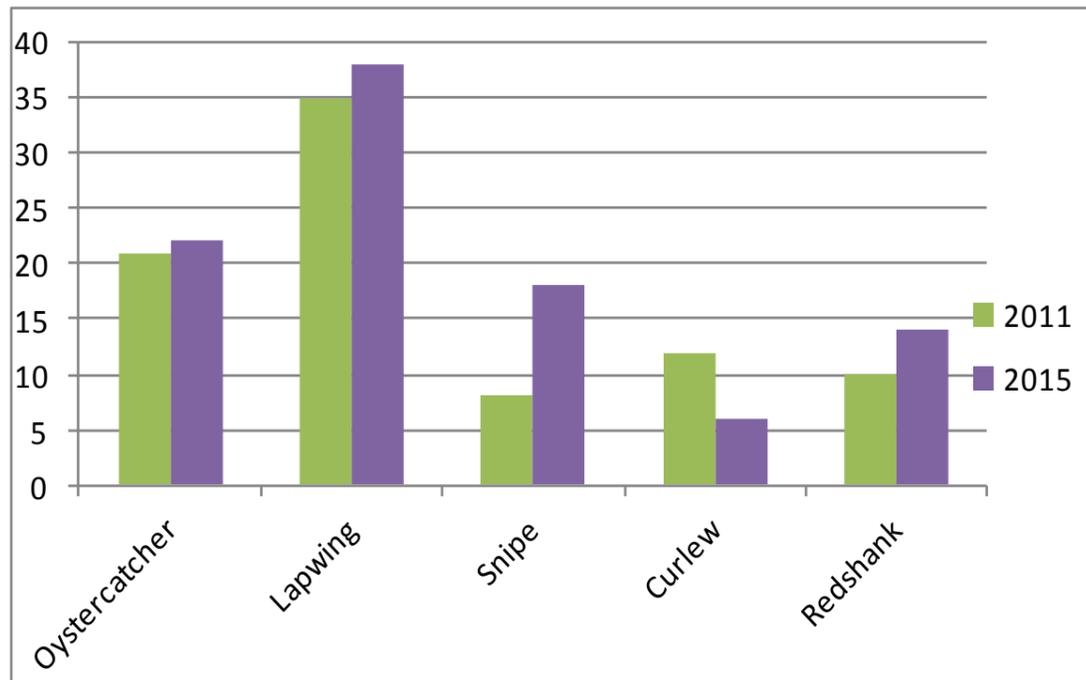
Balnafettach

To observe the trends in wading bird populations in Strathspey, an area wide survey has been carried out during the breeding seasons of 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015. In each year a surveyor made three visits to sites at either dawn or dusk and recorded the numbers and locations of any waders present. Balnafettach wasn't surveyed as part of this area wide survey until 2011.

The results of the surveys that took place at Balnafettach in 2011 and 2015 have been mapped and are included in this pamphlet, along with a graph that shows the population trends for individual species over the period.

Strathspey Wader Survey
Balnafettach

2011

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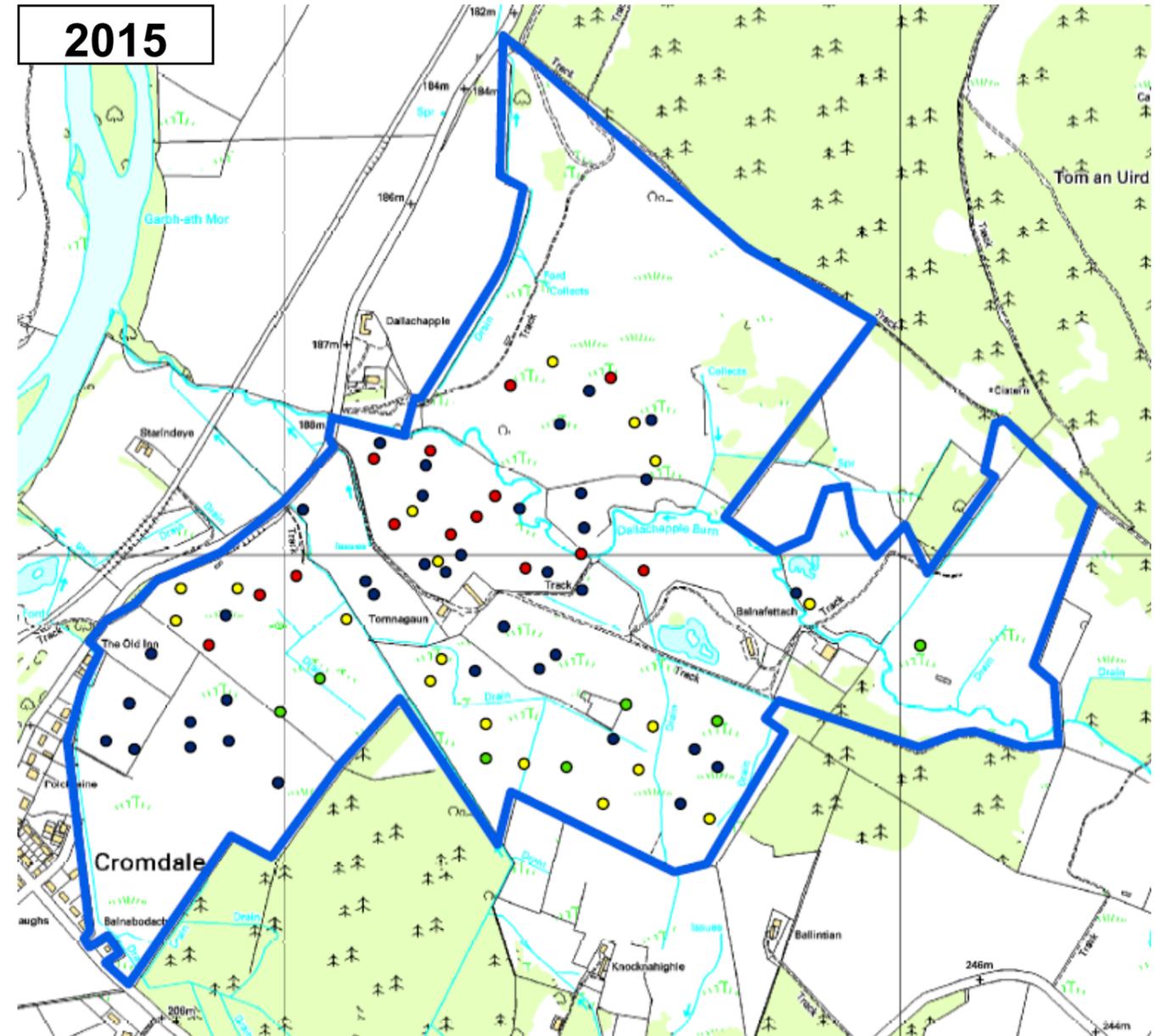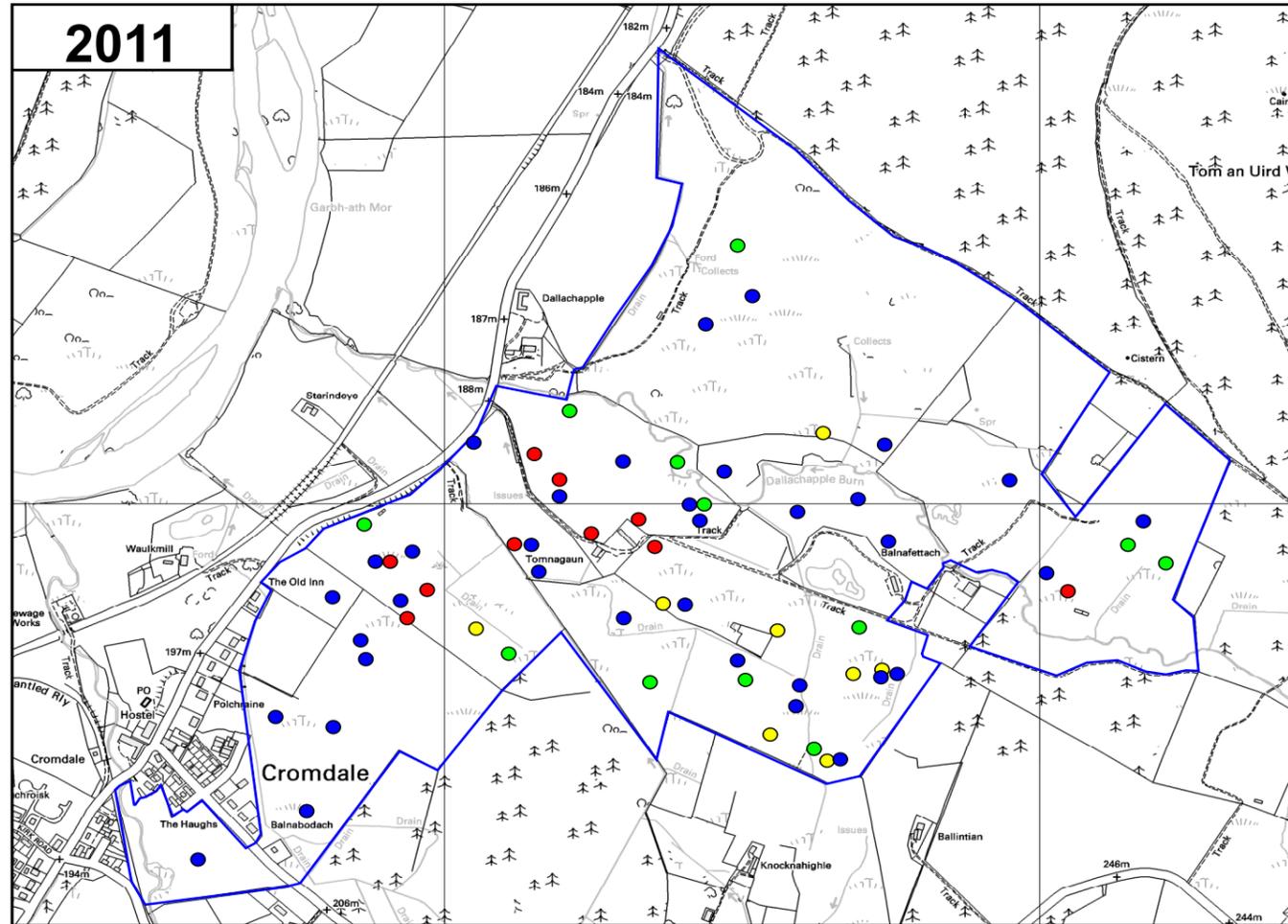
The maps show the distribution of the four key species of breeding waders on your farm and how this has changed between the two surveys. One dot represents one pair of breeding wader with different species in different colours.

Legend

- Lapwing
- Curlew
- Redshank
- Snipe

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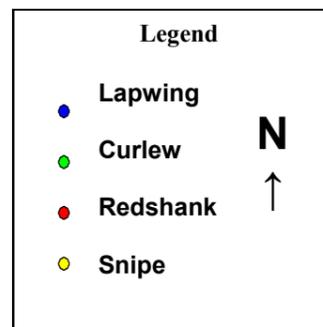
Very positive results from Balnafettach this year with all wader species except curlew showing an increase. Wader density was up from 0.40 breeding pairs per hectare to 0.92 . This was the second best density across all of the survey areas monitored this year.