



New Forest Waders Survey 2025

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Four species in one survey

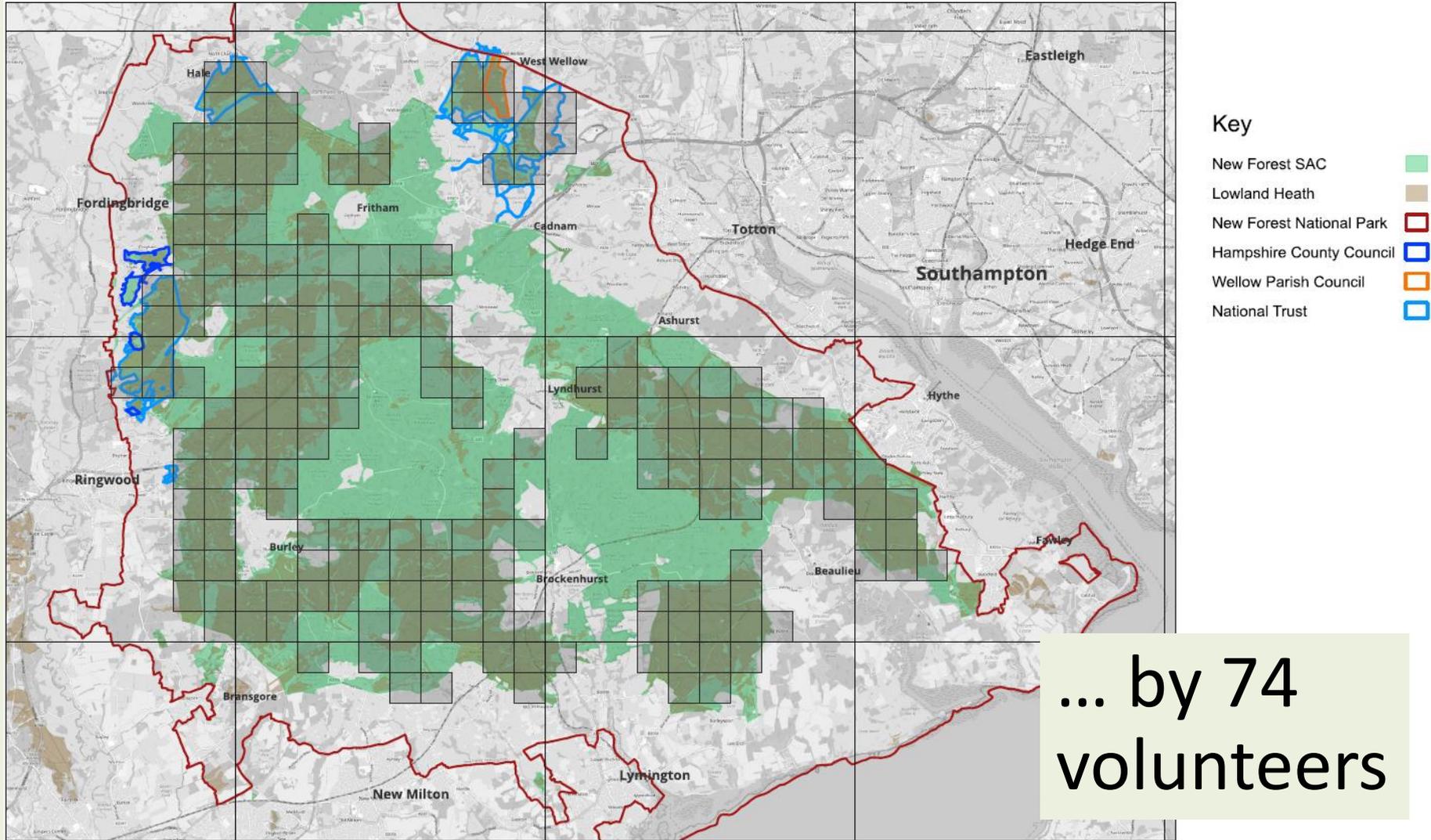


Results in brief

- Curlew - declining
- Lapwing - surviving at a low ebb
- Snipe - doing well
- Redshank - on the verge of extinction from the New Forest SAC

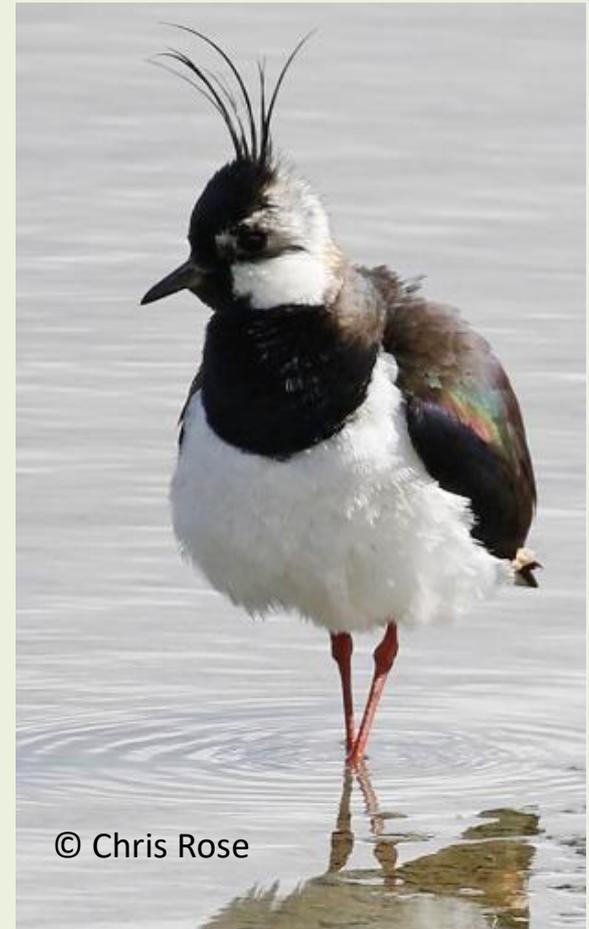


195 1km squares surveyed



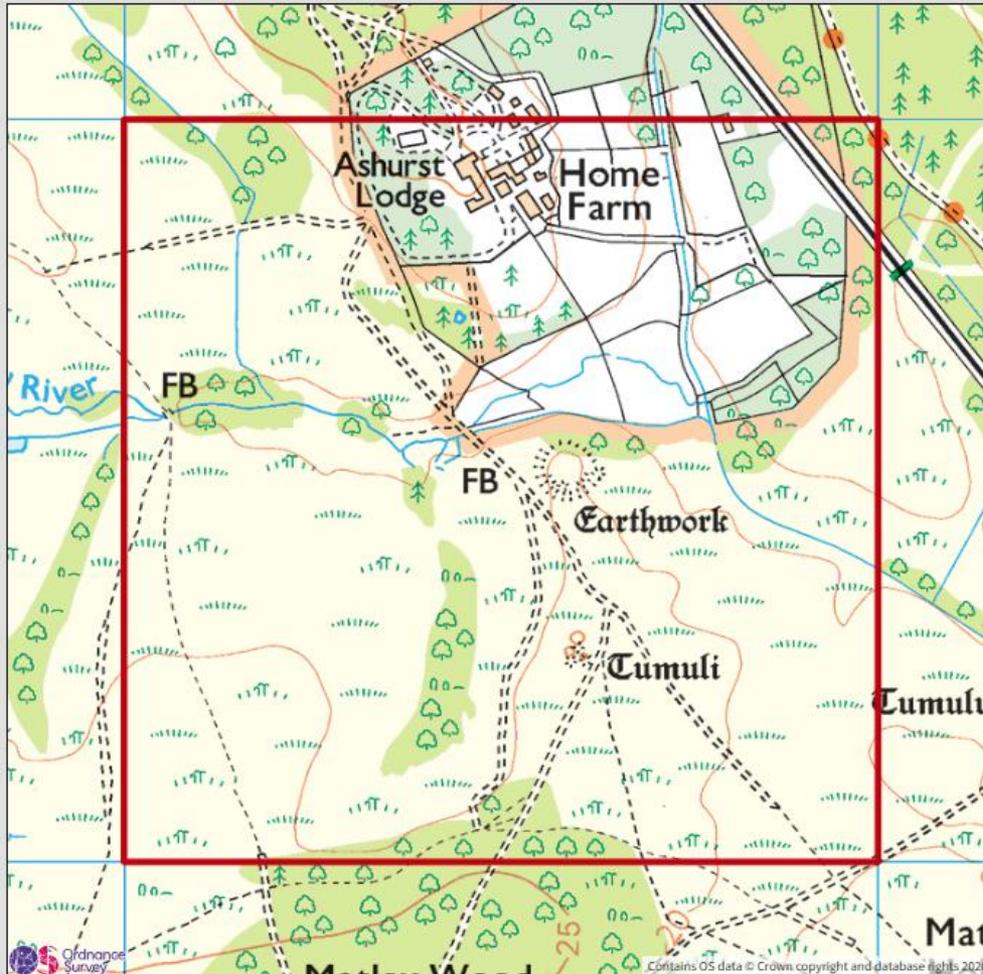
Survey methodology

- Three visits to each 1km survey square:
 - 10 April – 30 April
 - 1 May – 21 May
 - 22 May – 22 June
- Early or late on mild, clear, dry days with little wind
- All records mapped, especially territorial birds



Easy system to choose square and

Survey Square SU3308 - Surveyor allocated



This square already has a volunteer allocated. If you are interested in helping with the survey please select an available square from the main map.

If this square has been allocated to you, please use the buttons below to print the map of the survey square / recording form and survey instructions.

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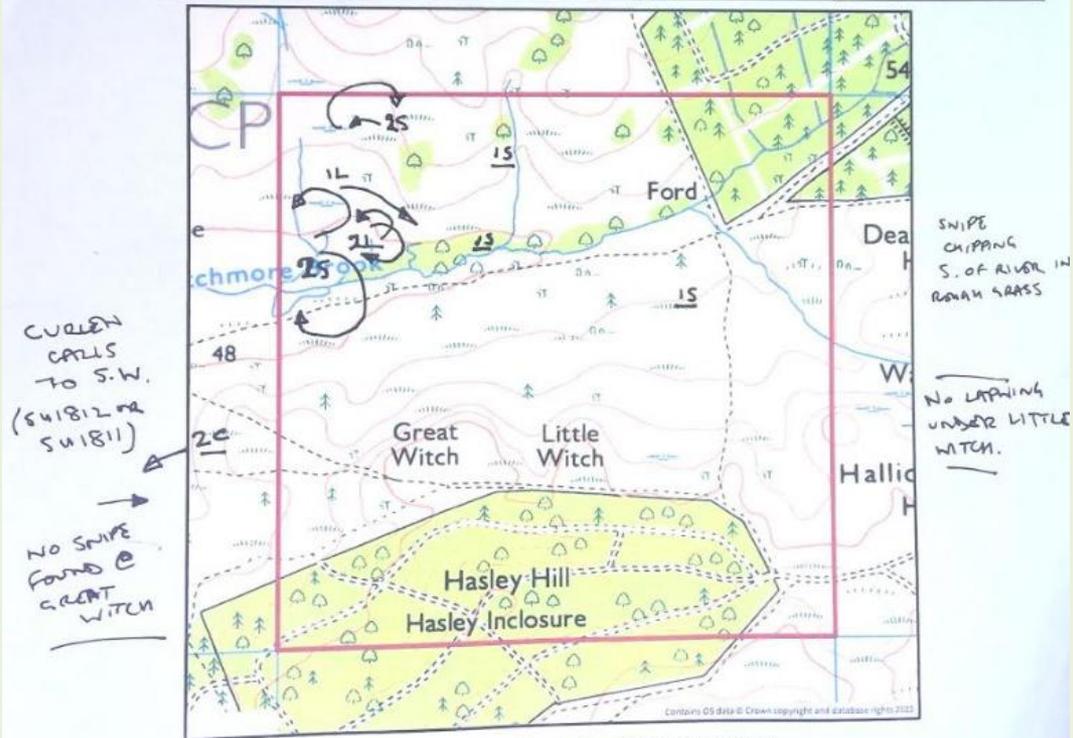
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Recording forms sent in quickly to track progress

... analysed with Andy Page

... curlew discussed with Elli Rivers

Surveyor's name: NIGEL DWEN		Date/s and start & finish times 06.35 - 08.05 WED 28 th MAY		
	Snipe	Redshank	Curlew	Lapwing
No. of individuals	III		I	III
Est. no. of pairs/territories	III			I
Additional notes (e.g. if flushed, seen at same time, behaviour, areas not covered etc.)	<p>SEEN DRUMMING OVER MIRE + RIVER</p> <p>BRIEF SIGHTING & CHIPPING IN W. OF MIRE, DRUMMING OVERHEAD.</p> <p>CHIPPING IN STAGN VALLEY, DRUMMING OVERHEAD</p> <p>CHIPPING IN LOWER VALLEY W. OF RIVER</p>		<p>PAIR HEARING CALLS IN SU1812, HASLEY HOLE</p> <p>REAR HEARD @ 8:15 AM, FROM SOUTH WEST.</p>	<p>FLUSHED FROM LOWER E. EDGE OF LARGE MIRE.</p> <p>JOINED IN THE PARK BY 3RD BIRD, POSSIBLY FROM TERRITORY W. OF MIRE (SEE SU1812)</p>



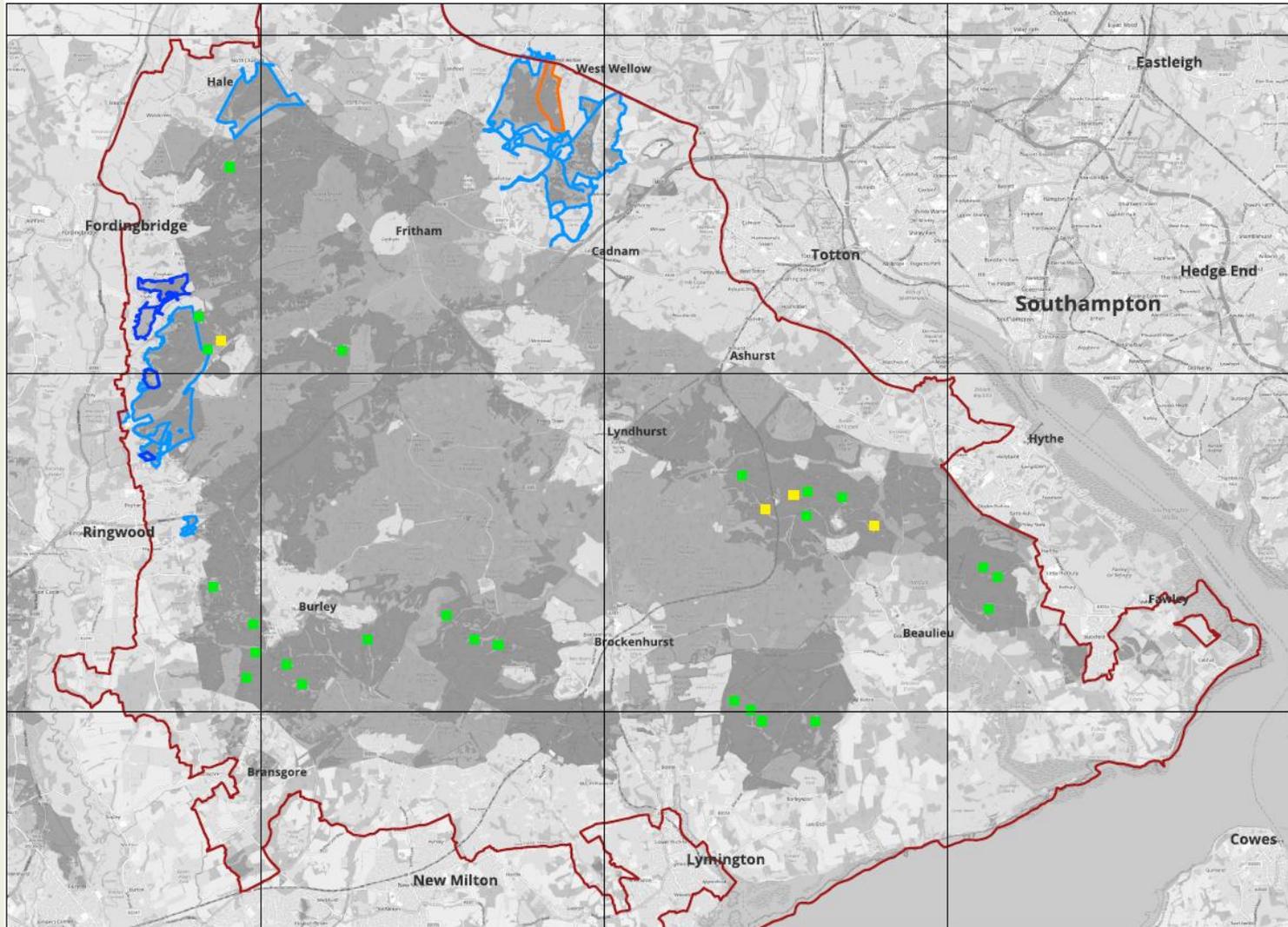
Mark all sightings clearly. (see full instructions).

Send a scan or photo of this form by email to nigel@matthews-online.co.uk or
WhatsApp to 07754 765656 ASAP after each visit.

Results compared to 2019-21

	2019-21 territories found	2019-21 1km squares occupied	2025 territories found	2025 1km squares occupied
Curlew	32-40	40 max	25-29	25
Lapwing	68	44	50-74	47
Snipe	181	90	255	117
Redshank	7	6	2	2

25-29 Curlew territories

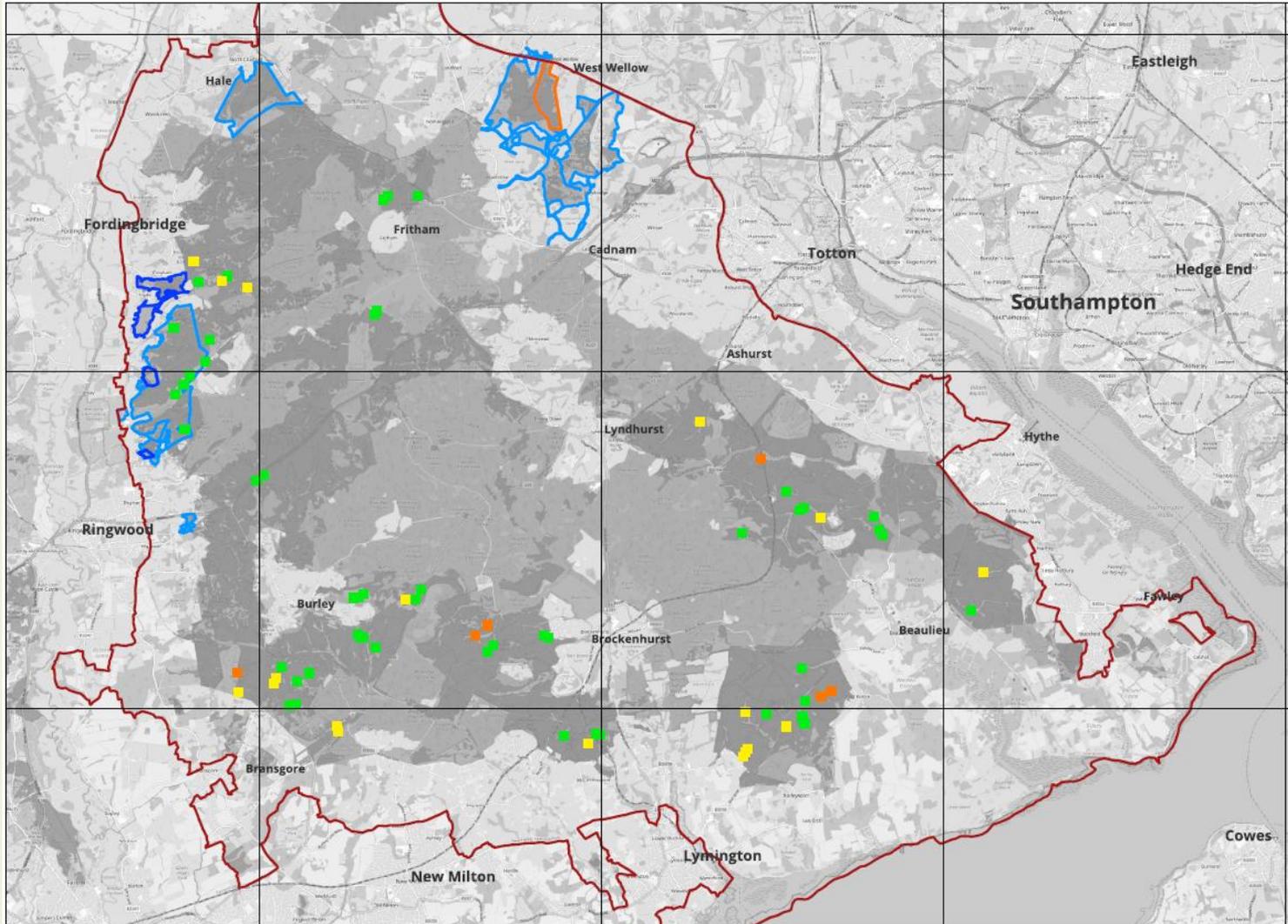


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50-74 Lapwing territories



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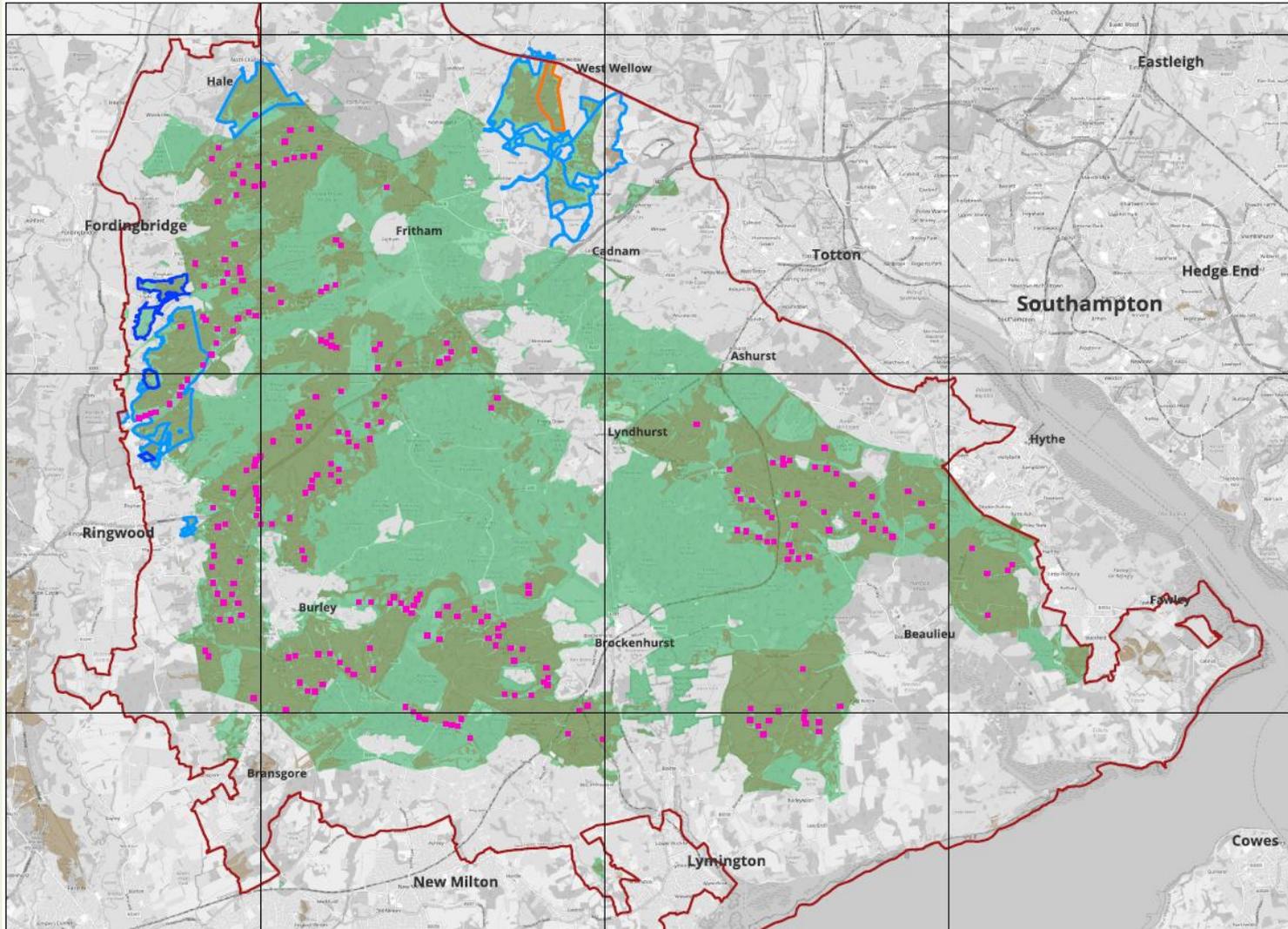
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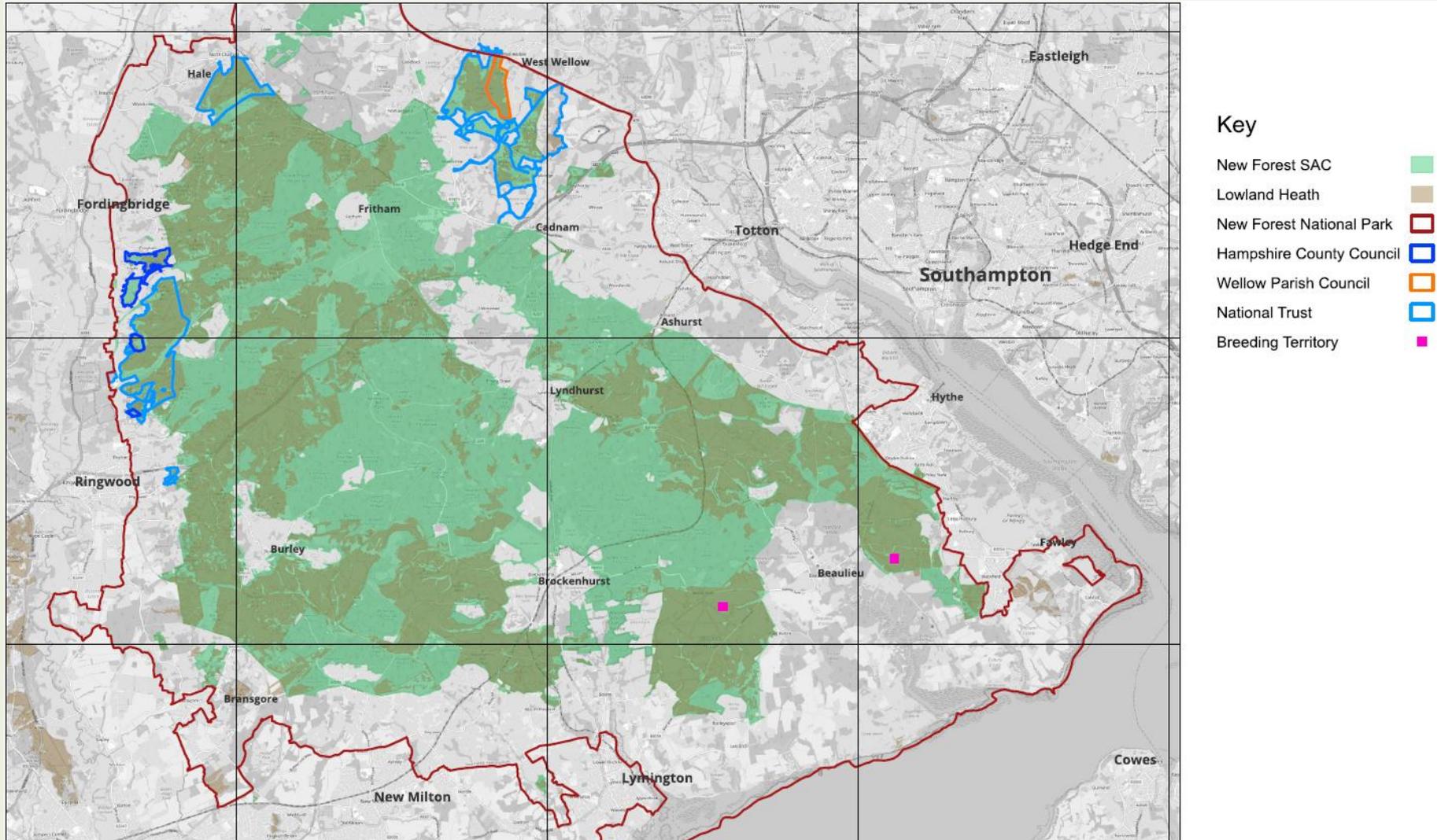


255 Snipe territories

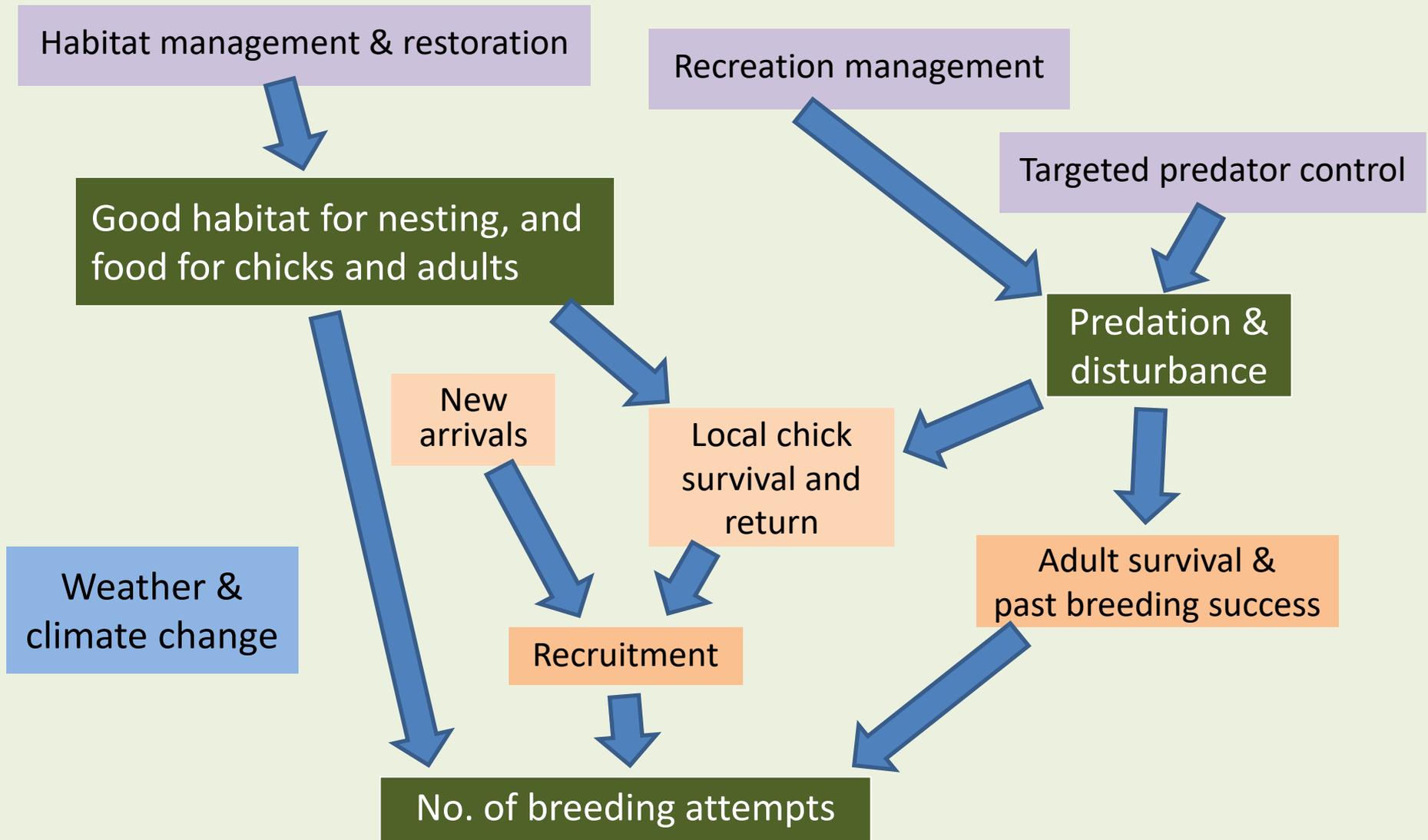


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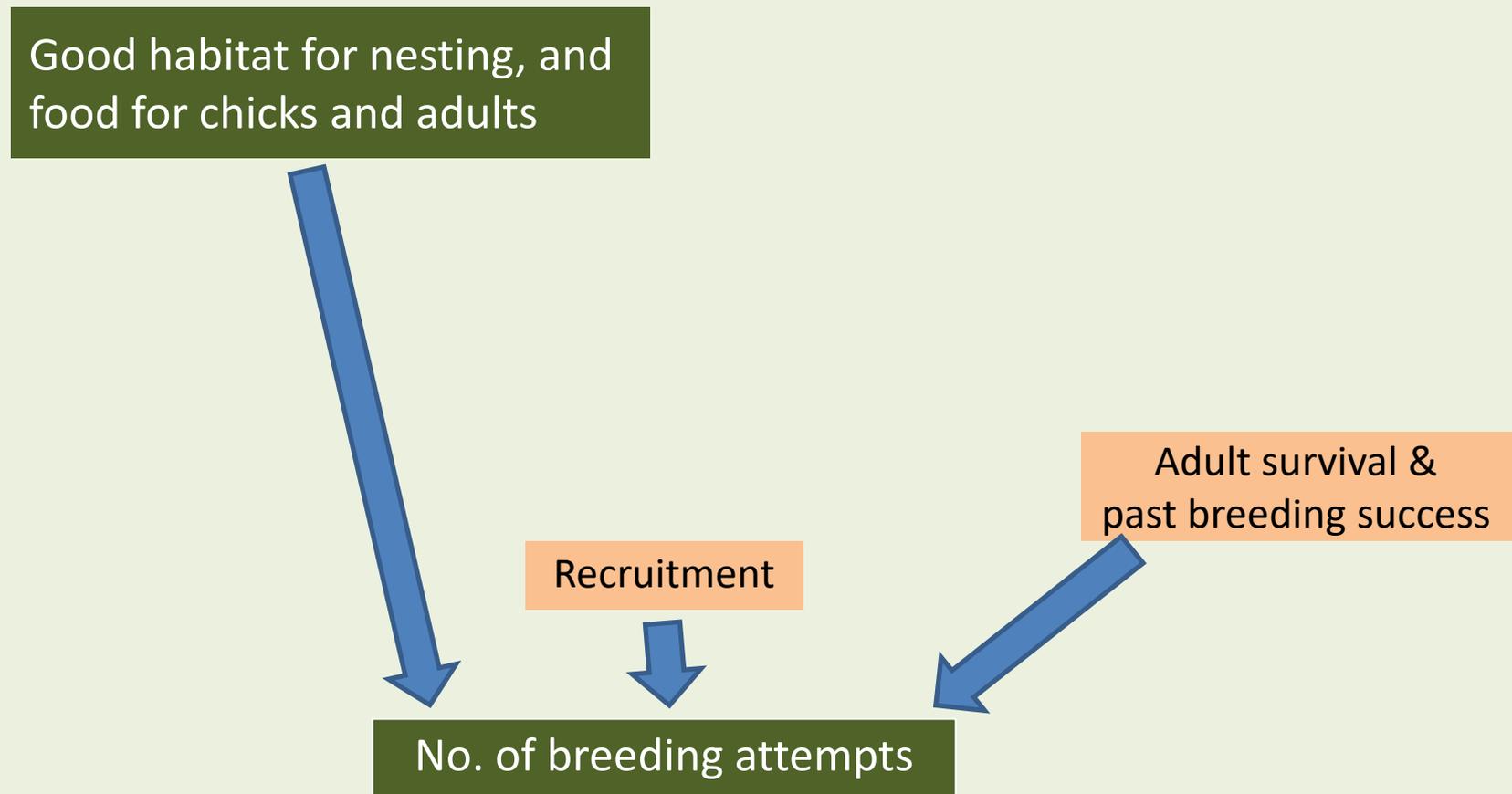
2 Redshank territories



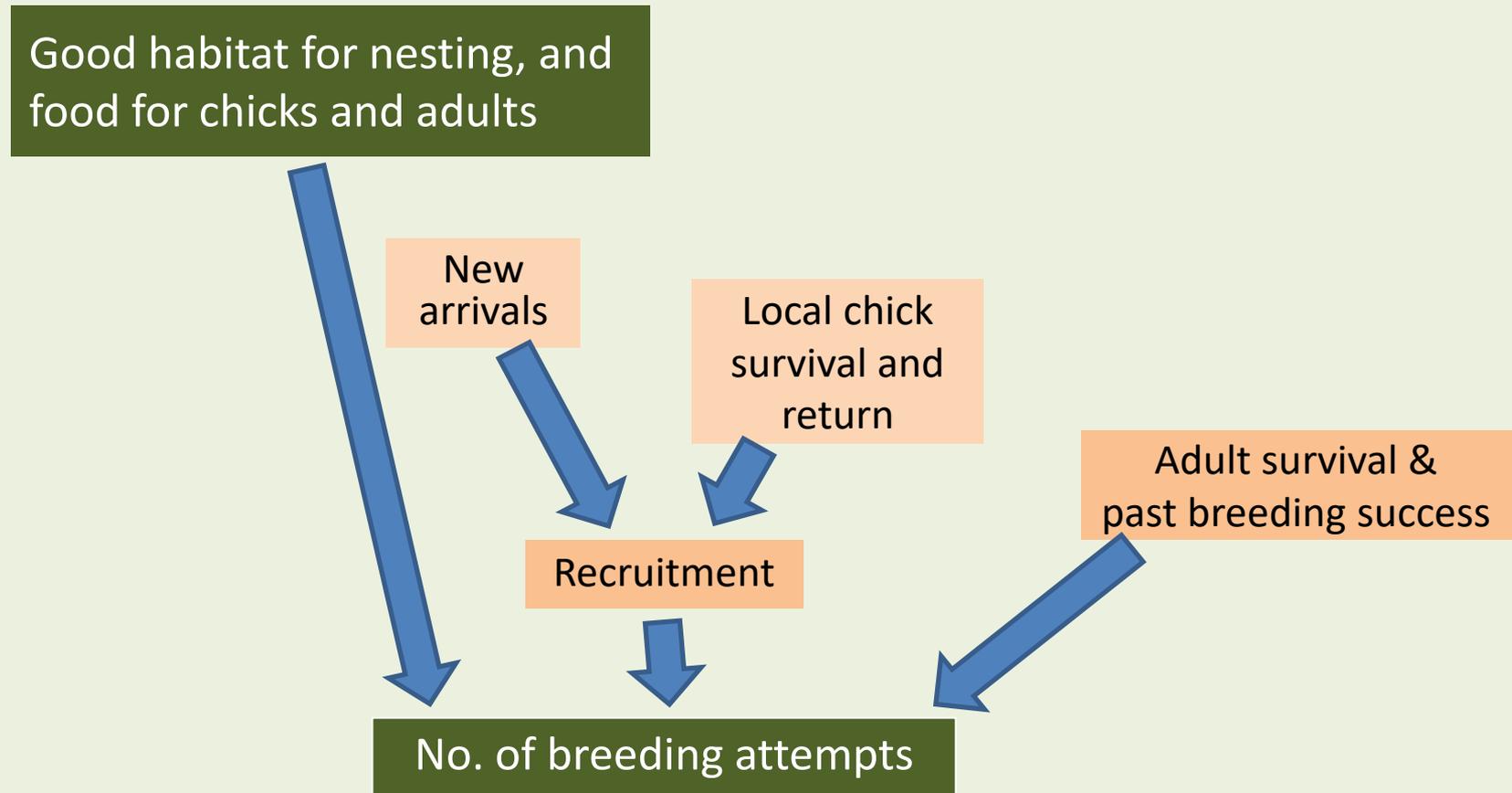
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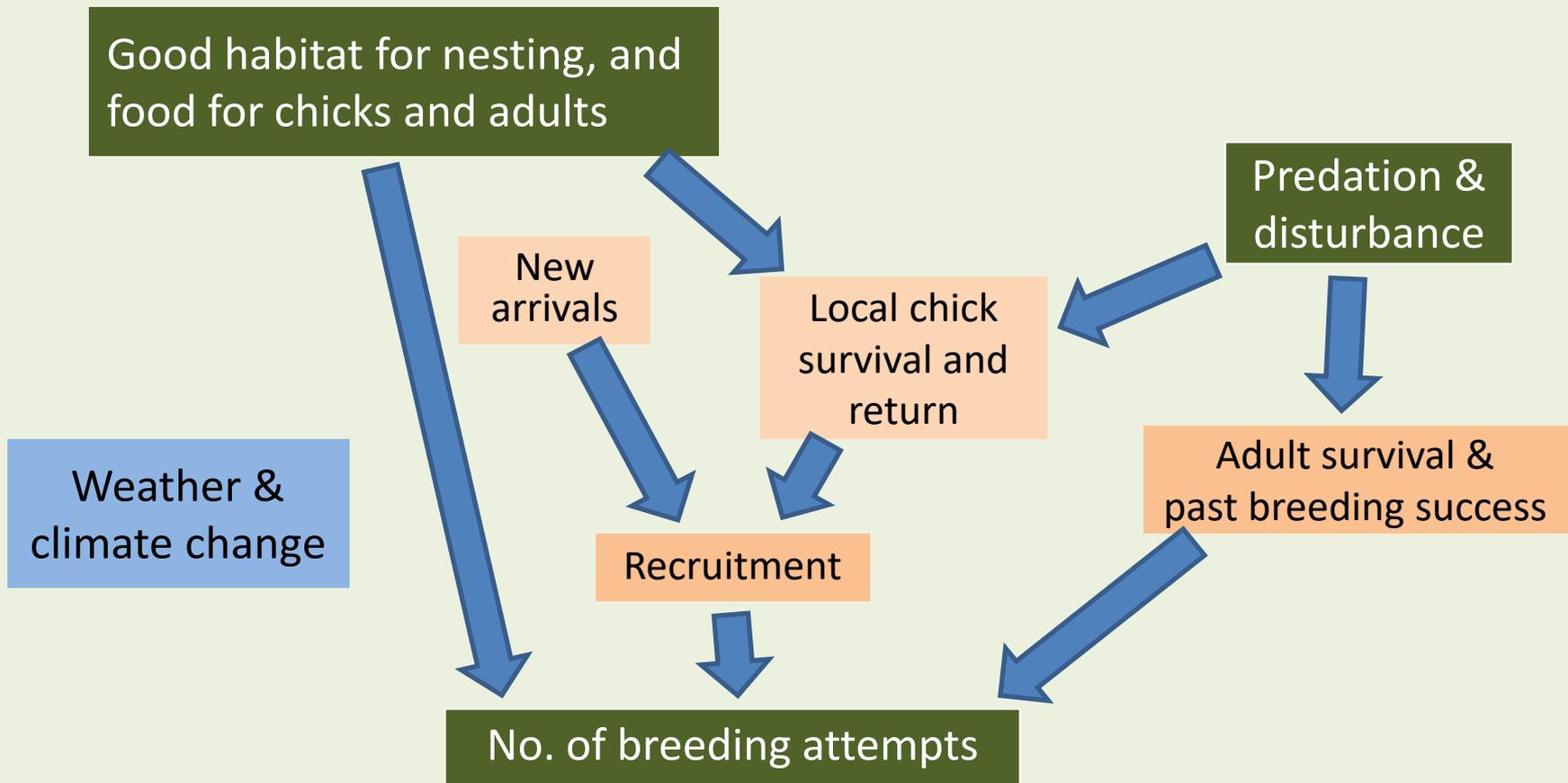
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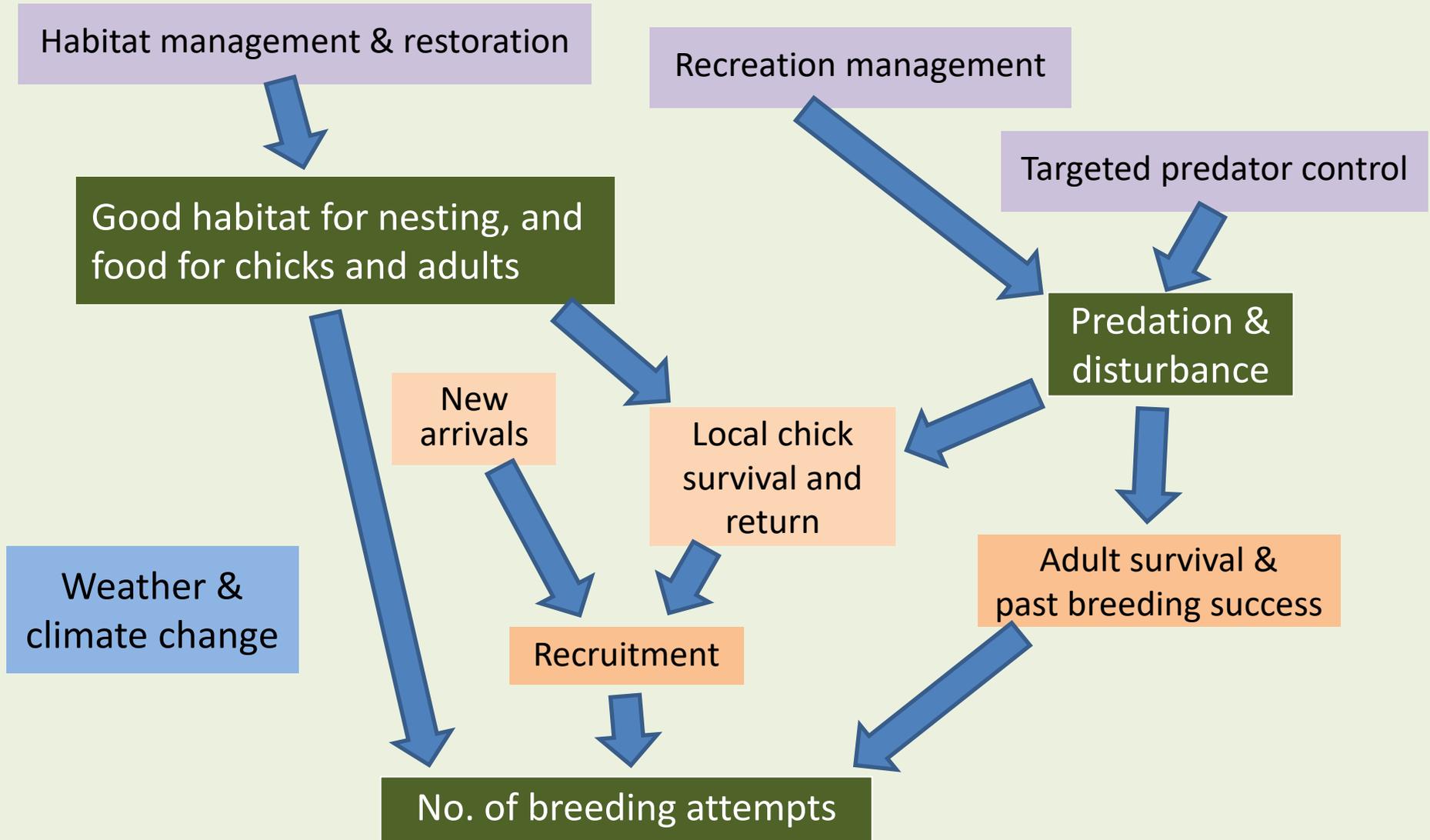
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- 74 HOS volunteer surveyors

Full report on New Forest HLS website:

- www.hlsnewforest.org.uk/hls-new-forest-projects/surveys-and-monitoring/wildlife

Hampshire Ornithological Society: www.hos.org.uk

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