

WATCHING FOR WILDLIFE

Date of survey

**It's *very important* to do these investigations first.
Otherwise the birds you are looking may be disturbed and hide!**

You will need:

- Transect string
- Plant Tags
- Tape Measures
- Pencil
- Hand lens
- A pair of binoculars (if possible)

1. BIRD SPOT

You will need to be very patient and very quiet – don't wear clothes which rustle when you move. Before you begin, have a good look at the bird identification sheet opposite.

Be careful not to frighten or disturb nesting birds

- a. Spread your group out along the river bank. Everyone should find a comfortable place where they can see. Try and find some cover so the birds won't see you!
- b. Wait patiently and stay absolutely quiet. Give the birds 5 minutes to get used to you and then start your bird spot.
- c. For the next 20 minutes each member of the group must sit quietly and watch the birds. At the end of the survey period identify and record any birds you saw using your picture sheet.