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## **The national windmill risk assessment map for birds** [1]



To identify areas with significant bird populations declines due to the negative affects of windmills, Birdlife Netherlands commissioned Sovon and Altenburg & Wymenga to make a national windmill risk assessment map. The map is based on data from various national bird surveys.

### **Where do windmills pose a risk to birds?**

The National bird windmill risk assessment maps for birds was constructed by integrating maps of sensitive birds species or bird group that are representative of the population[MA1] . The maps for the following species were included; water birds, swans and geese, meadow birds, farmland birds, colonial nesters, and important migrants.

### **A resource for impact assessment**

The national windmill risk assessment map for birds is a resource to assess the potential impact of windmills. The maps depict where particular risks can be present. However, this tool is not appropriate to evaluate the affects of a specific building plan on birds, it is a springboard for further research. It is important to remember the effects of spatial development need to be judged at the regional, the national, and sometimes the international scale.

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