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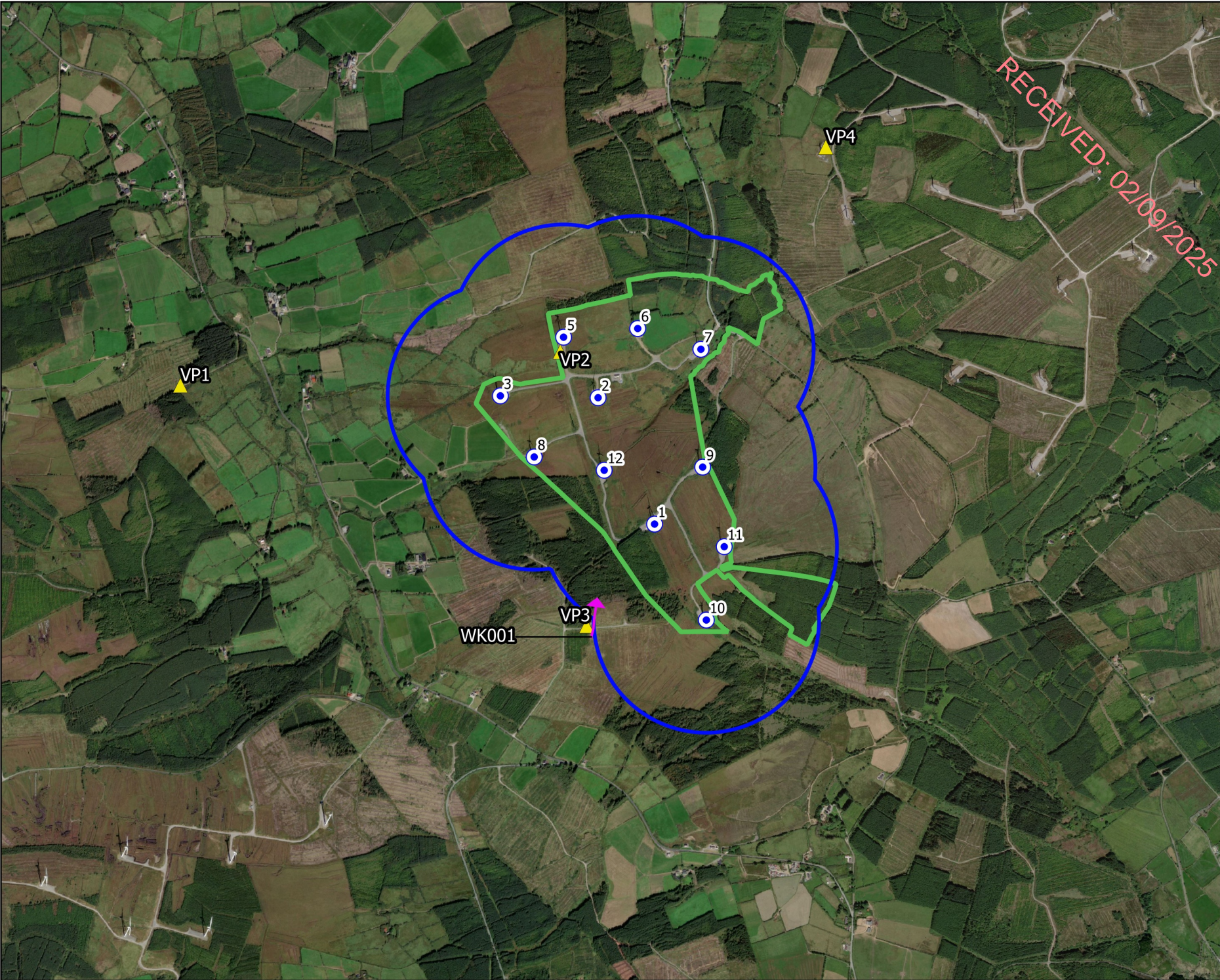
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WK001	VP3	05/03/2024	18:45	Woodcock	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	conifer plantation; flying	CMC

Table 7 - 4 - 10-2 Woodcock Incidental Records (MKO)

Ref.	Location	Date	Time	Species	Number	Habitat and activity	Surveyor
WK001	Vantage Point Survey; Taurbeg	21/02/2024	19:00	Woodcock	1	buildings and artificial surfaces; flushed, bird was sitting on road outside wind farm gate	CMC
WK002	Vantage Point Survey; Knockacummer	06/03/2024	06:00	Woodcock	1	buildings and artificial surfaces and conifer plantation; flushed	CMC

Note: There were no observations during the dedicated Breeding Woodcock Surveys.



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BUZZARD

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Ref.	VP	Date	Time	Species	Number	On-site / Off-site	Band 1 (0-25m)	Band 2 (25-100m)	Band 3 (100-150m)	Band 4 (>150m)	Comments	Surveyor
25	5	28/04/2023	10:21	Buzzard	1	On site	0	900	0	0	Circling soaring hovering around small area.	NL
33	2	26/05/2023	10:00	Buzzard	1	On site	0	240	0	0	Fly over	AD
34	2	26/05/2023	10:24	Buzzard	1	On site	0	50	0	0	Fly over	AD
37	3	26/05/2023	10:00	Buzzard	2	On site	0	0	0	0	Flew west then returned in easterly direction	PR
42	3	26/05/2023	11:30	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	660	0	0	Mobbed by Kestrel for 2mins. Kestrel was off site.	PR
43	3	26/05/2023	11:47	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	275	0	0	Mobbed by 2 Kestrel off site.	PR
45	3	26/05/2023	14:16	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	38	0	0	Flying SE	PR
50	4A	25/05/2023	11:24	Buzzard	1	On site	0	50	250	0	Interaction with sparrowhawk	AD
52	4A	25/05/2023	12:00	Buzzard	1	On site	0	45	0	0	Fly over	AD
53	4A	25/05/2023	12:08	Buzzard	1	On site	10	15	0	0	Fly over	AD
54	4A	25/05/2023	15:19	Buzzard	1	On site	0	0	120	0	Fly over	AD
59	4B	25/05/2023	11:24	Buzzard	1	On site	0	180	274	0	Flying / gliding moving N then over valley to E	JD
61	4B	25/05/2023	12:07	Buzzard	1	On site	0	65	0	0	Flying over forestry dropped down behind trees out of view	JD
63	4B	25/05/2023	13:38	Buzzard	1	On site	150	165	0	0	Soared up and out over valley moved E towards VP before dropping into valley	JD
64	4B	25/05/2023	13:52	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	130	0	0		JD
65	4B	25/05/2023	14:01	Buzzard	1	On site	185	0	0	0		JD
66	4B	25/05/2023	14:27	Buzzard	1	On site	552	0	0	0	Hunting flying along Tauberg for extended period	JD

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67	5	26/05/2023	10:01	Buzzard	1	On site	0	0	264	0	W 2nd bird 5 of VP soaring moved W out over valley soaring	JD
68	5	26/05/2023	10:01	Buzzard	1	On site	0	366	0	0	Initially W before moving back through site, soaring to SE	JD
69	5	26/05/2023	10:01	Buzzard	1	On site	0	366	0	0	Soaring on E side moved east into valley	JD
72	5	26/05/2023	12:30	Buzzard	1	On site	0	0	75	0	Soaring NE of VP	JD
80	2	21/06/2023	10:16	Buzzard	1	On site	0	155	0	0	Hunting along forestry S of VP moved W	JD
81	2	21/06/2023	10:20	Buzzard	1	On site	0	372	0	0	Hunting, moving W	JD
82	2	21/06/2023	10:32	Buzzard	1	On site	0	125	0	0	Soaring/hunting S of VP	JD
83	2	21/06/2023	10:52	Buzzard	1	On site	23	0	0	0	Briefly S of VP same place	JD
85	2	21/06/2023	13:55	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	420	0	0	Soaring S of site	JD
87	4A	22/06/2023	11:30	Buzzard	1	Off site	55	0	0	0	Hovering	PR
89	4A	22/06/2023	11:58	Buzzard	1	On site	200	0	0	0	Hovering showed again briefly same area @12:03	PR
90	4A	22/06/2023	12:45	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	46	0	0	Soaring then stooping	PR
91	4A	22/06/2023	13:01	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	110	0	0	Soaring hovering	PR
92	4A	22/06/2023	13:01	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	222	0	0	Soaring hovering number 5 different bird	PR
93	4A	22/06/2023	14:18	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	198	0	0	Soaring hovering moving north	PR
95	4A	22/06/2023	14:46	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	125	0	0	Soaring hovering	PR
97	4B	22/06/2023	11:55	Buzzard	1	On site	0	300	0	0	Hunting	AD
98	4B	22/06/2023	12:13	Buzzard	1	On site	4	0	0	0	Commuting	AD
99	5	21/06/2023	09:35	Buzzard	1	Off site	49	0	0	0	Soaring	NL

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101	5	21/06/2023	10:20	Buzzard	1	Off site	220	0	0	0	Hunting small area	NL
102	5	21/06/2023	10:31	Buzzard	1	Off site	139	0	0	0	Hunting seen also from VP2	NL
103	5	21/06/2023	10:57	Buzzard	1	Off site	88	0	0	0	Hunting	NL
116	1	18/07/2023	13:01	Buzzard	1	Off site	87	0	0	0	Flying around trees/hunting along forestry W of VP3	NL
118	1	18/07/2023	13:21	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	136	0	0	Soaring SSE of VP	JD
124	1	18/07/2023	14:15	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	57	0	0	Soaring N of VP	JD
126	1	18/07/2023	14:28	Buzzard	1	On site	0	97	0	0	Hunting mobbed by kestrel x2	JD
172	1	29/08/2023	09:54	Buzzard	1	Off site	40	0	0	0	Circling low and hunting briefly perched within nearby forestry before dropping out of sight	MK
175	1	29/08/2023	13:48	Buzzard	1	Off site	15	0	0	0	With kestrel buzzard @50m heading north along hill east getting mobbed by kestrel dropping to 50m then out of sight	MK
176	1	29/08/2023	13:57	Buzzard	2	Off site	0	80	0	0	2 birds slowly soaring then heading north before grappling together and heading to ground out of sight	MK
189	2	29/08/2023	13:00	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	60	0	0	Talons mobbing each other N of site moved W and down	JD
207	4B	29/08/2023	10:04	Buzzard	1	Off site	180	0	0	0	Soaring near VP 4B then heading SW	PR
209	4B	29/08/2023	10:39	Buzzard	1	Off site	34	0	0	0	Hovering	PR
230	5	25/08/2023	13:57	Buzzard	2	On site	55	0	0	0		MS
231	5	25/08/2023	14:02	Buzzard	2	Off site	40	0	0	0		MS
237	1	07/10/2023	10:24	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	45	0	0	Circling and calling along hill crest heading south	MK
269	4A	28/09/2023	12:57	Buzzard	1	Off site	0	82	0	0	Flying to W, S of VP across valley into forestry	JD
284	5	28/09/2023	10:34	Buzzard	1	On site and Off site	45	0	0	0	Hunting	NL

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Ref.	VP	Date	Time	Species	Number	Duration of flight (s)	Band 1 (0-15m)	Band 2 (15-26m)	Band 3 (26-108m)	Band 4 (108-200m)	Band 5 (>200m)	Habitat and activity	Surveyor
BZ001	VP1	01/02/2024	13:07	Buzzard	1	65	40	25	0	0	0	improved agricultural grassland; flying, mobbed, initially flying low, then mobbed by four hooded crows	CMC
BZ002	VP3	05/03/2024	15:13	Buzzard	1	240	0	0	240	0	0	conifer plantation and buildings and artificial surfaces; flying, hovering, only hovered very briefly while travelling slowly, dropped behind conifers out of sight.	CMC
BZ003	VP1	22/03/2024	10:36	Buzzard	2	120	0	0	0	0	120	improved agricultural grassland and upland blanket bog; soaring, calling	EC
BZ004	VP1	16/04/2024	18:11	Buzzard	1	300	0	0	0	300	0	upland blanket bog and improved agricultural grassland; flying, soaring	EC
BZ005	VP3	10/05/2024	11:04	Buzzard	1	30	0	0	0	0	30	conifer plantation and upland blanket bog; soaring	EC
BZ006	VP1	31/05/2024	05:05	Buzzard	1	30	30	0	0	0	0	upland blanket bog; flying, hovering	EC
BZ007	VP3	12/06/2024	10:34	Buzzard	1	180	0	0	180	0	0	conifer plantation; soaring	EC
BZ008	VP3	12/06/2024	14:06	Buzzard	2	600	0	0	0	0	600	conifer plantation and upland blanket bog; flying, calling	EC
BZ009	VP1	13/06/2024	12:14	Buzzard	1	600	0	0	600	0	0	upland blanket bog; flying, hovering	EC
BZ010	VP1	13/06/2024	13:22	Buzzard	1	1200	0	0	600	600	0	upland blanket bog; flying, hovering	EC
BZ011	VP3	02/07/2024	14:14	Buzzard	2	120	0	0	120	0	0	upland blanket bog and conifer plantation; flying	EC
BZ012	VP4	30/07/2024	13:18	Buzzard	1	20	0	10	10	0	0	improved agricultural grassland and conifer plantation; flying, mobbed, flew out of viewshed	CMC
BZ013	VP3	07/08/2024	12:28	Buzzard	1	120	0	0	120	0	0	conifer plantation and improved agricultural grassland; flying, hovering	EC
BZ014	VP1	27/08/2024	09:11	Buzzard	1	30	0	30	0	0	0	upland blanket bog and improved agricultural grassland; flying, hovering	EC
BZ015	VP1	27/08/2024	13:49	Buzzard	1	30	0	30	0	0	0	upland blanket bog; flying, mobbed hen harrier	EC

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BZ016	VP4	28/08/2024	14:18	Buzzard	1	240	240	0	0	0	0	conifer plantation and improved agricultural grassland; flying, hovering	EC
BZ017	VP4	28/08/2024	14:42	Buzzard	1	180	0	0	0	180	0	conifer plantation; flying/soaring	EC
BZ018	VP1	10/09/2024	07:25	Buzzard	1	120	0	0	120	0	0	upland blanket bog and improved agricultural grassland; flying, hovering	EC
BZ019	VP1	10/09/2024	07:43	Buzzard	1	30	0	0	30	0	0	upland blanket bog and improved agricultural grassland; flying, hovering	EC
BZ020	VP4	25/09/2024	08:15	Buzzard	1	30	30	0	0	0	0	upland blanket bog; flying	EC

Table 7 - 4 - 11-3 Buzzard Breeding Walkover Survey Data 2024 (MKO)

Ref.	Date	Time	Transect	Species	Number	Habitat and activity	Surveyor
BZ001	28/06/2024	09:40	T1	Buzzard	1	bogs and improved grassland; hunting (suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder)	CR

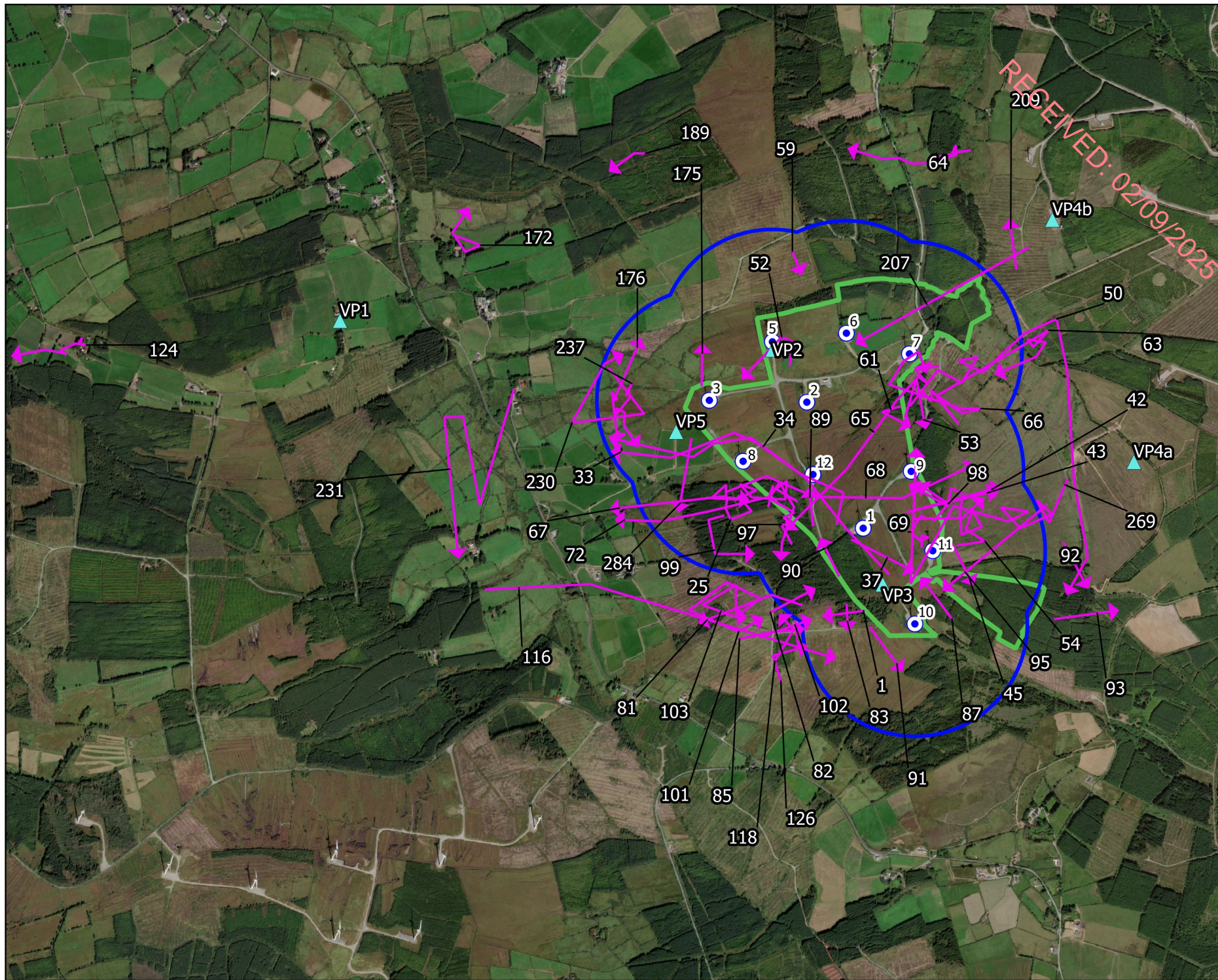
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Ref.	BR	Date	Time	Species	Number	Habitat and activity	Breeding status	Surveyor
BZ001	BR3	26/04/2024	12:13	Buzzard	1	conifer plantation, flying, circling	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	CMC
BZ002	BRT3	23/05/2024	12:03	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog and conifer plantation, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ003	BRT2	28/05/2024	13:17	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog and conifer plantation, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ004	BR2	30/05/2024	11:50	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ005	BR3	11/06/2024	12:52	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog and conifer plantation, soaring, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ006	BR3	11/06/2024	13:05	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog and improved agricultural grassland, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ007	BRT3	19/06/2024	12:16	Buzzard	1	conifer plantation, soaring, calling	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ008	BRT2	26/06/2024	12:01	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC

Ref.	BR	Date	Time	Species	Number	Habitat and activity	Breeding status	Surveyor
BZ009	BR3	03/07/2024	12:18	Buzzard	2	conifer plantation, improved agricultural grassland and upland blanket bog, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ010	BR3	03/07/2024	13:22	Buzzard	1	upland blanket bog, flying	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ011	BR5	04/07/2024	12:57	Buzzard	1	conifer plantation, flying	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC
BZ012	BR5	04/07/2024	13:17	Buzzard	1	conifer plantation, flying, hovering	suitable nesting habitat; possible breeder	EC

Table 7 - 4 - 11-5 Buzzard Incidental Records (MKO)

Ref.	Location	Date	Time	Species	Number	Habitat and activity	Surveyor
BZ001	Breeding Raptor Survey; Knockacummer	18/04/2024	12:34	Buzzard	3	conifer plantation and buildings and artificial surfaces; soaring, circling	CMC



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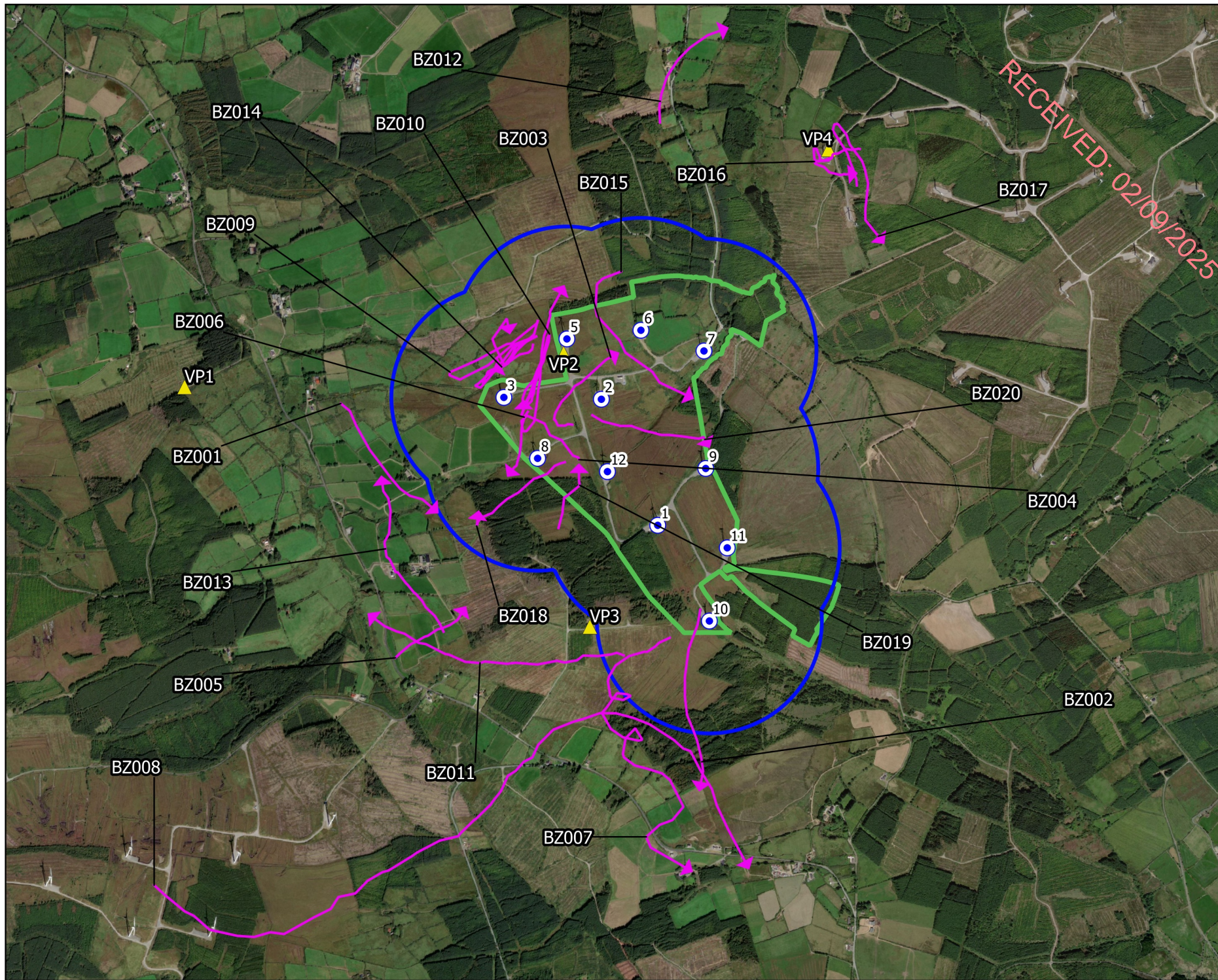
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