

Setting up a Bird count monitoring station

After undertaking pest eradication in an area, you will see a decline in catches and bait take, however, another way to see if there has been an improvement is to complete regular bird counts. trap.nz phone app has a bird count function to help you complete this.

A bird count should be held at the same time, date, and season as previously, however, any monitoring that is taking place is good, and will still show changes. The protocol for the 5-minute bird count is here

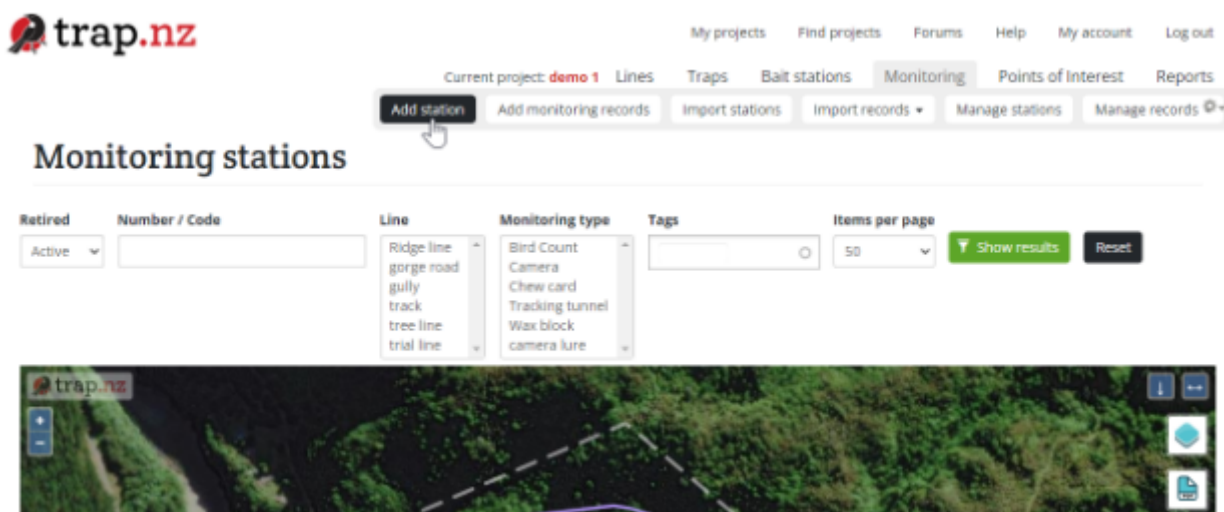
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/science-and-technical/inventory-monitoring/im-toolbox-birds-incomplete-five-min-counts.pdf>

To set up a Bird count station

You will need to add a monitoring station either via the phone app or website and select “monitoring type” - bird count.

Setting up a Bird-count station via the website

Click the install tab on the bottom right of the map window



The screenshot shows the trap.nz website interface for setting up monitoring stations. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: My projects, Find projects, Forums, Help, My account, and Log out. Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Current project: demo 1' followed by tabs: Lines, Traps, Bait stations, Monitoring (selected), Points of Interest, and Reports. A secondary bar contains buttons: Add station (highlighted with a cursor), Add monitoring records, Import stations, Import records (with a dropdown arrow), Manage stations, and Manage records (with a dropdown arrow). The main heading is 'Monitoring stations'. Below this is a form with several fields: 'Retired' (set to 'Active'), 'Number / Code' (empty), 'Line' (a dropdown menu with options: Ridge line, gorge road, gully, track, tree line, trial line), 'Monitoring type' (a dropdown menu with options: Bird Count, Camera, Chew card, Tracking tunnel, Wax block, camera lure), 'Tags' (empty), and 'Items per page' (set to 50). To the right of these fields are two buttons: 'Show results' (green) and 'Reset' (black). At the bottom of the page is a map window showing an aerial view of a forested area with a dashed line indicating a monitoring path. The map window has a 'trap.nz' logo in the top left and several icons in the bottom right.

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Create Monitoring station

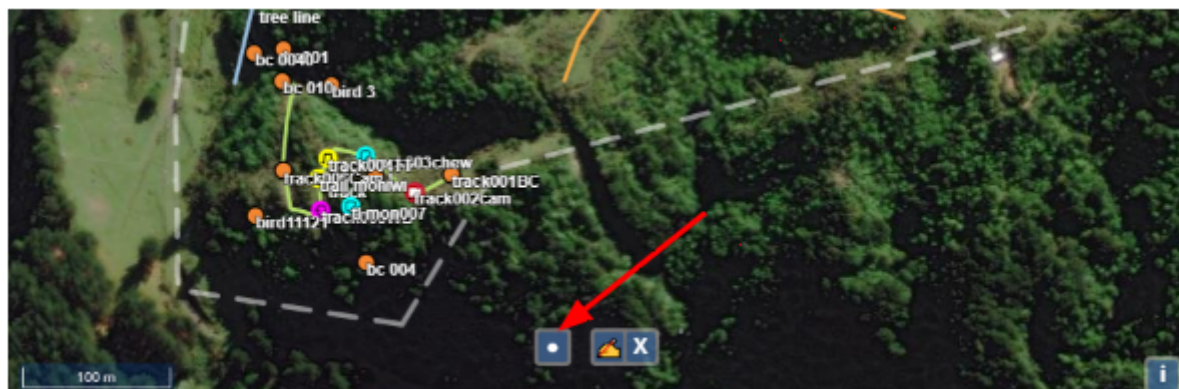
Number / Code *

Location *



Monitoring type *

- Select a value -
- Select a value -
- Bird count**
- Camera
- Chew card
- Tracking tunnel
- Wax block
- camera lure



Adding a bird count monitoring station via the trap.nz mobile phone app

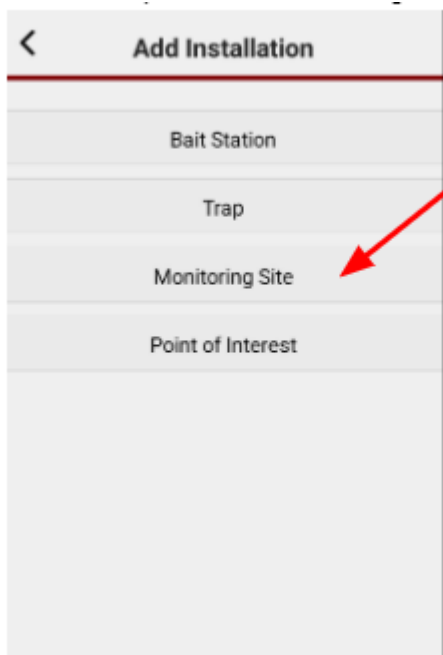
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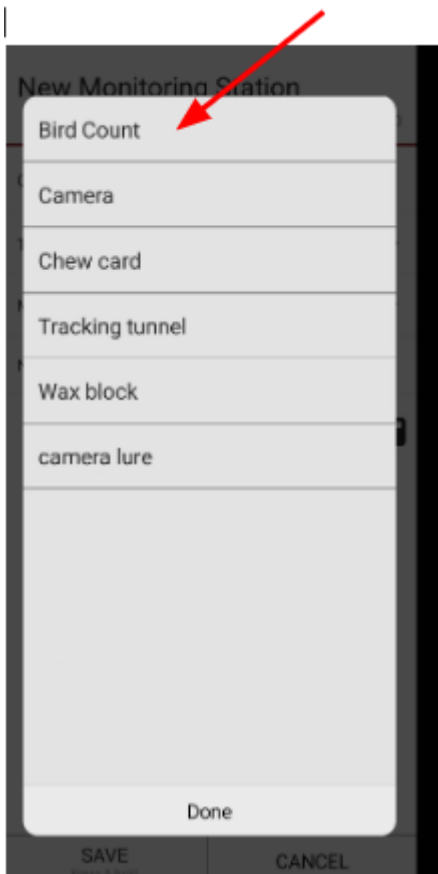
Click the green tick that has opened up



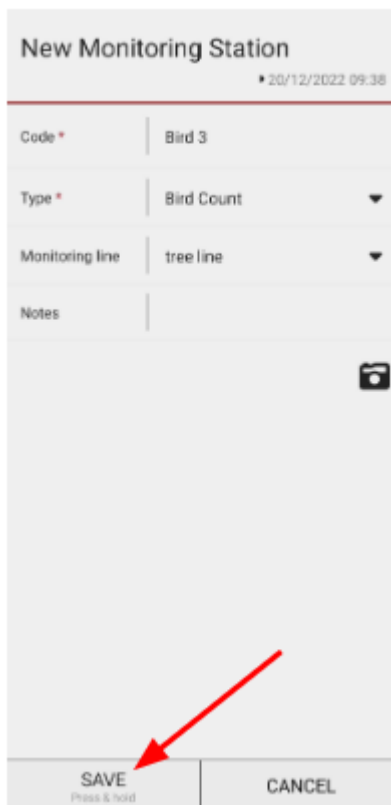
Select the option of the monitoring station



Complete the code name, open the monitoring type, and select bird count



Save your new bird count monitoring station



The bird count station will display on the app as a bird



For instructions on how to use the bird count click here <https://help.trap.nz/books/trapnz-comprehensive-user-guide/page/bird-count-records>

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