

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 displays the trap.nz website interface for managing monitoring stations. At the top, the 'trap.nz' logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'My projects', 'Find projects', 'Forums', 'Help', 'My account', and 'Log out' are on the right. Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Current project: demo 1' followed by tabs for 'Lines', 'Traps', 'Bait stations', 'Monitoring' (which is active), 'Points of Interest', and 'Reports'. A toolbar contains buttons for 'Add station', 'Add monitoring records', 'Import stations', 'Import records', 'Manage stations', and 'Manage records'. The main heading is 'Monitoring stations'. Below this is a form with several sections: '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). There are 'Show results' and 'Reset' buttons. At the bottom, a map window shows a satellite view of a forested area with a dashed line indicating a monitoring station location. The map window has a toolbar with a plus sign, a minus sign, and a location pin icon.

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Add station Add monitoring records Import stations Import records Manage stations Manage records

Create Monitoring station

Number / Code *

Location *



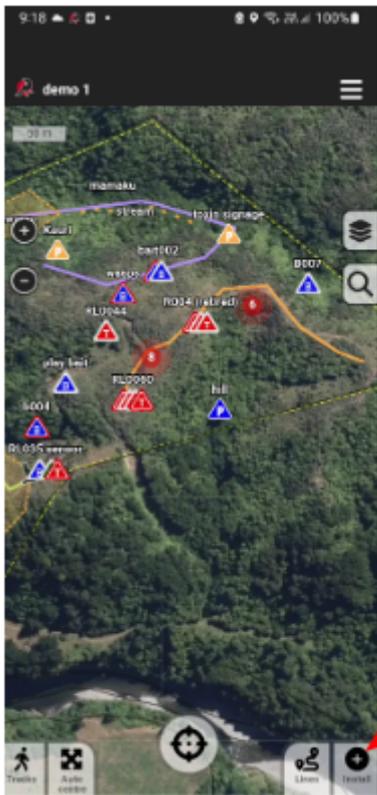
Monitoring type *

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



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

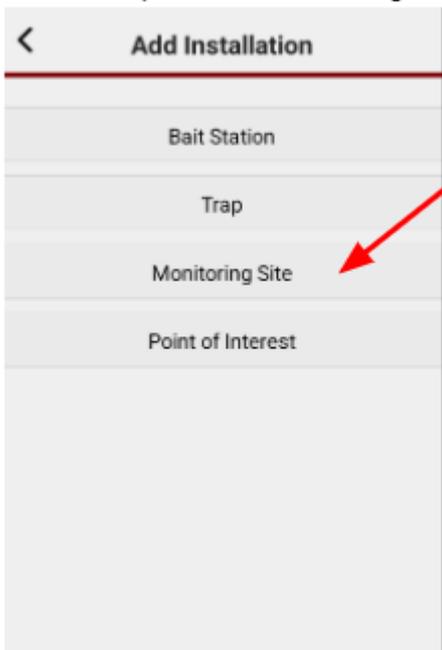
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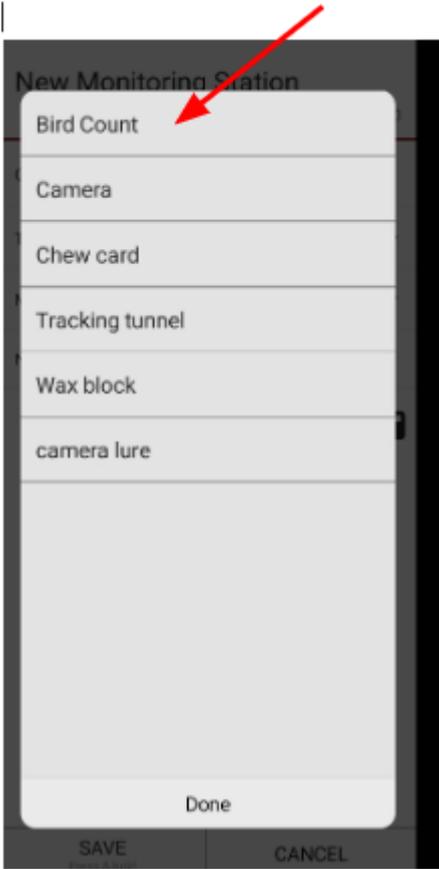
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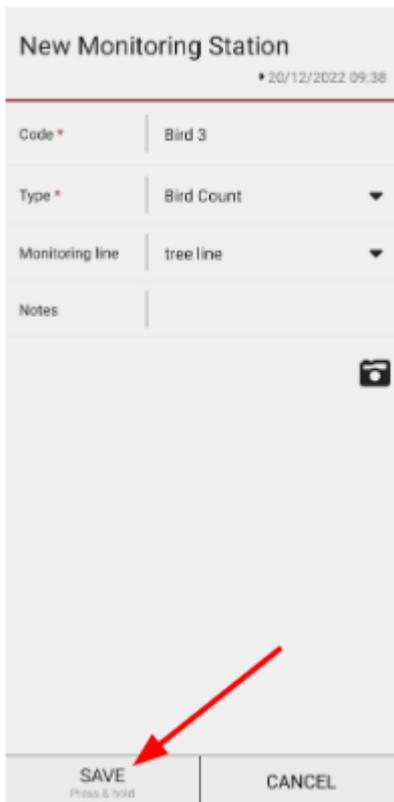
Select the option of the monitoring station



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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