DISTURBANCE FORM

SITE: DATE: OBSERVERS:

Time	Scan (R/I)	Total No. of shorebirds	Shorebirds flying		Alarm flight? (Y/N)	Cause of flight	Notes
			%	No.			

Scan: Use R for the scans done at Regular 10-minute intervals. Use I for irregular scans made at all other times (when any disturbance seen).

Total No of shorebirds: The number (species combined) in view from your position. **Don't include gulls and terns**. Counts of each species are useful if you have time; please put these on the separate count sheet.

Shorebirds flying: Record as % of shorebirds in view, or as a count – whatever is easiest. You only need to fill in one of the two columns.

Alarm flight: Yes or no. Alarm flights are flights obviously caused by disturbance; they are often characterised by sudden and steep take-off, alarm calls and fast manoeuvering.

Cause of flight: People; BOPs (birds of prey); false alarm (e.g. if the birds get spooked by a tern flying overhead); unknown. If you are able to give more detail (e.g. the species of bird of prey) please do this in the notes column.