

Wiltshire County Recorders

Britain is one of the best biologically recorded countries in the world thanks to the dedication of volunteer recorders.

County Recorders are a network of appointed specialist volunteers who act as coordinators for receiving and checking records from across the county for their particular interest group. They play a very important role in verifying records of rare, unusual and difficult to identify species.

Wiltshire has a number of County Recorders, many of whom have been recording for many years, who spend much of their time devoted to studying and recording their specialist group. They in turn exchange these records with WSBRC on a regular basis. Many also provide WSBRC and others with ecological information for individual species along with help in the identification of specimens.

For any species groups not listed, please contact WSBRC. We are also always keen to hear from anybody who may be interested in becoming a County Recorder for a group not currently included.

Some recorders, especially for small or specialist groups, record across the whole county. Others record either the North or the South of the county using the Watsonian Vice-County boundaries first drawn up to assist the recording of flowering plants. Where groups are divided into North and South Wiltshire, the Kennet and Avon Canal is taken as the dividing line.

You can send your records for these groups to the relevant County Recorder who may also be able to help you identify particular sightings. Alternatively, add your records to **Living Record** or iRecord, or download and complete our data entry spreadsheet at wsbrc.org/wildlife-recording/submit-records/



Keeping Track of Wiltshire's Wildlife

Wiltshire & Swindon Biological Records Centre

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For more information regarding the county recorders and their work;

wsbrc.org/wildlife-recording/county-recorders/