

Butterfly Recording

We are always looking for members to record butterflies. You obviously need to be able to correctly identify the different species in order to do this.

Casual Recording

The most convenient option for those who are familiar with Excel is to download a form from the branch website (<http://www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk> and click on 'Downloads' from the list on the left). Those unfamiliar with Excel can download a pdf. file instead and fill it in by hand and then send it to the county recorder. Or, if preferred, the paper form enclosed in this newsletter can be used; it has instructions on the reverse side.

Key Site Recording

Of course we will be continuing with the important Gloucestershire project of recording on our Key Butterfly sites in order to monitor scarce butterfly species which are the most vulnerable to local extinction. Again, an Excel form for recording on Key Sites can be downloaded from the Downloads section of the website (<http://www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk>). Please use the Excel form if possible as it is specially processed afterwards. New Key Site recorders are always very welcome and should contact me* for a chat about what to do and where to go. We are particularly short of recorders in the eastern and northern parts of the county and would love to hear from you.

More details about recording can be found in the article on page 4 in Antennae, Spring 2015 and on the downloads section of the website.

UK Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey

Following the Cheltenham indoor meeting, most of the local vacant squares have now been filled. However we have a few near the county boundary where we are still seeking recorders. These are

SO5302 Near Brockweir, Forest of Dean
SU1797 Near Kempsford, south of Fairford
SP1039 Willersey, near Broadway

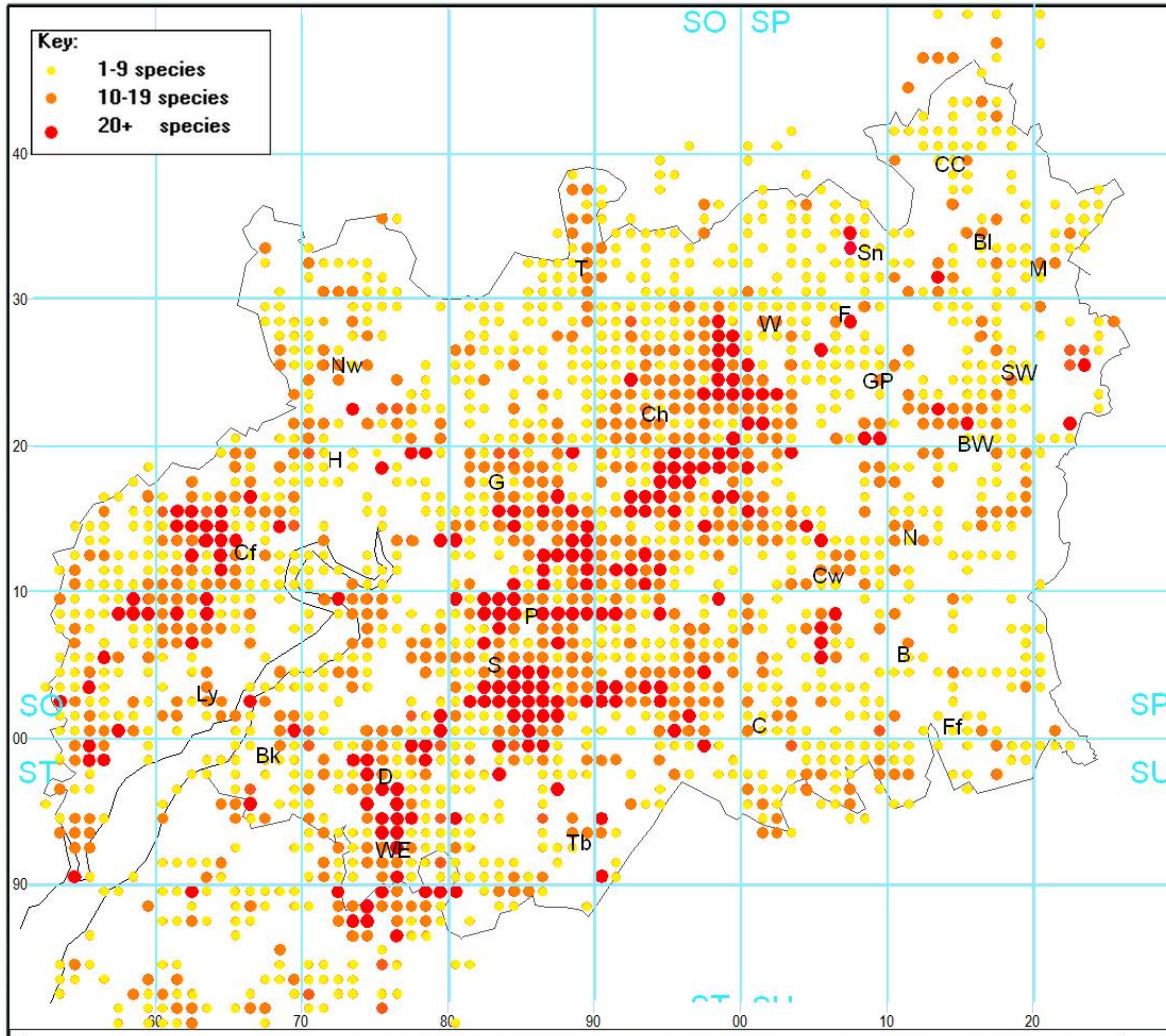
Please contact me* if you are interested in recording in one of these squares. For this survey, recorders are asked to record once in July and once in August with optional additional recording in May and/or June. We are also looking for 'reserve recorders' in the Cheltenham area as several of us are involved in recording quite a few squares around this area and sometimes find it difficult to fit everything in.

White Squares. There is a map below showing the distribution of butterfly records in the county. This shows records collected from 2000 – 2014. There are still some 'white squares' on the map where there are no records. We assume that no-one has recorded butterflies in these squares, rather than there are no butterflies there at all. We would really appreciate getting some records from any of these white squares. I'm sure that many of them are in some interesting countryside.

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White square map showing distribution of butterfly records from 2000 - 2014



Key for towns

B	Bibury
Bk	Berkeley
BI	Blockley
BW	Bourton on the Water
C	Cirencester
CC	Chipping Campden
Cf	Cinderford
Ch	Cheltenham
Cw	Chedworth
D	Dursley
F	Ford
Ff	Fairford
G	Gloucester
GP	Guiting Power
H	Huntley
L	Lechlade
Ly	Lydney
M	Moreton in Marsh
N	Northleach
Nw	Newent
P	Painswick
S	Stroud
Sn	Snowhill
SW	Stow on the Wold
T	Tewkesbury
Tb	Tetbury
W	Winchcombe
WE	Wotton under Edge