

RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

Butterfly recording is the foundation for conservation at a time when many of our butterfly species are in decline. Simply by noting down your butterfly sightings on this form, whether from garden buddleia, local walk or remote mountain top, you can make a real contribution to their conservation across the UK. Your records will go into local databases and to the national recording scheme. Thanks for your help!

This Casual Recording Form is for general recording of butterflies at a variety of sites on different dates. Use one column to record sightings from each site on each separate date as follows:

Name: Enter your name.

Address/Tel: along with your address and telephone number/email address.

Year: Enter the year in which the records are made. Use separate sheets for each year

OS Map Reference: Write the Ordnance Survey map reference of the site.
This should be 6-figure for where the butterflies were seen eg SP609104
or at least 4-figure for the locality.eg SU4796
Please don't leave any spaces in the grid reference
If the site is large, divide it into sub-sites and record each 1km square separately.

Site name/ Locality: Give the site name or a name such as a feature named on the map to identify the locality being recorded.

Habitat type(s): Enter the code(s) from the list of the habitat types below

Day / month: Give the day and month of the record (as numbers) eg 23/6

Species recorded: Please record all butterfly species seen at the site
Please record the actual number of each species seen. For large numbers estimates may be used:

If early stages (ova, larvae or pupae) or mating of a particular species are seen, use codes O, L, P or M respectively.

HABITAT CODES:

Sea shore / cliffs / salt marsh / dunes etc	1
Freshwater edges (lakes / river / canals)	2
Heath / scrub	31
Calcareous grassland	34
Acid grassland	35
Meadow (unimproved)	38
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	41
Natural coniferous woodland	42
Mixed woodland	43
Raised / lowland bog	51
Blanket / upland bog	52

Marshes / fen	54
Rocky inland habitats / screes etc	6
Fertilized / improved / reseeded grassland	81
Crops	82
Orchards / plantations / commercial forestry	83
Tree lines / hedges / small woods	84
Parks / gardens / churchyards	85
Urban areas / industrial estates	86
Fallow / waste / disturbed land	87
Quarries / pits	89
Road / rail verges, cuttings	90

IMPORTANT: By submitting information on this form I agree that it may be collated and disseminated manually or electronically, including via the Internet, for conservation, environmental decision-making, education, research and other public benefit uses in accordance with Butterfly Conservation's data access policy. Names and contact details of data suppliers will be used for administration and verification purposes only. Your contact details will not be passed to other parties without the consent of the data supplier, whilst your name will form part of the record that is collated and disseminated in accordance with Butterfly Conservation's privacy policy

Notes

Many thanks for your records!

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