## 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.

<u>Site name/ Locality:</u> Give the site name or a name such as a feature named on the map to identity 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! Please return completed forms to:

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...or by e-mail to

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## **BUTTERFLY CASUAL RECORDING FORM**

Name:

Conservation Year:		Tel Numb	er:	Address	:			
OS Map reference Site / Locality name								
Habitat type (s)								
Day/month								
Small Skipper								
Essex Skipper								
Large Skipper								
Dingy Skipper *								
Grizzled Skipper *								
Wood White *								
Clouded Yellow								
Brimstone								
Large White								
Small White								
Green-veined White								
Orange-tip								
Green Hairstreak *								
Brown Hairstreak *								
Purple Hairstreak								
White-letter Hairstreak *								
Small Copper								
Small Blue *								
Brown Argus *								
Common Blue								
Chalkhill Blue *								
Adonis Blue *								
Holly Blue								
Duke of Burgundy *								
White Admiral *								
Red Admiral								
Painted Lady								
Small Tortoiseshell								
Peacock								
Comma								
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary *								
Pearl-bordered Fritillary *								
Dark Green Fritillary *								
Silver-washed Fritillary *								
Marsh Fritillary *								
Speckled Wood								
Wall*								
Marbled White								
Gatekeeper								
Meadow Brown								
Ringlet								
Small Heath			<u> </u>					
Others (specify):	, I	I	II I	ı 1	1	ı J	i l	11