

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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WILDLIFE RECORDING INFORMATION

The Society's official recording area is the whole of Vice-counties 33 (East Gloucestershire) and 34 (West Gloucestershire). However, for practical purposes, certain County Recorders only cover the administrative county of Gloucestershire, comprising the districts of Cotswold, Stroud, Forest of Dean, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury, since the Bristol Naturalists' Society covers the Unitary Authority of South Gloucestershire and the City of Bristol (further details available from the individual recorders as listed below).

The Society welcomes observations and records from members and others. All records are valuable in building up a picture of the present status and distribution of wildlife in the county whether the species is common or rare.

The following information should be supplied:

* Species name.

* Where seen. Give the name of the location, preferably using names on the 1:50000/1:25000 Ordnance Survey maps, plus a six figure map reference. If in doubt include a sketch map of the site. For sightings in the Cotswold Water Park observers are asked to quote the official County Council pit numbers whenever possible.

* Date.

* Observer's name and address.

Also useful:

* Number or abundance.

* Habitat.

* Where appropriate a description of the species or a note of how identification was made including details of any guidebook used.

* Any other relevant information.

Under the Data Protection Act the GNS advises members and other observers that their personal details (name, address, telephone number, email address) will be stored, either on paper or electronically, as part of the Society's recording system. These

details will not be passed on, or sold, to third parties with the exception of the Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records, subject to the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. Should the observer wish that certain parts of a record remain confidential (e.g. for reasons such as sensitive species, sensitive site, restriction of access to land, anonymity), they should clearly mark the record as confidential and discuss the matter with the County Recorder, stating their reasons.

Details of checklists and other GNS-published articles are available on the website and in The Gloucestershire Naturalist.

GNS COUNTY RECORDERS' CONTACT DETAILS

BIRDS: Richard Baatsen (01452 740161); email: Richard.baatsen@gmail.com.

For those observers who are reporting a county rarity or BBRC species, the appropriate forms can be obtained from the Recorder; a guidance document listing all the species that require detailed descriptions is also available; submission of records by email preferred. The GNS website has a recording form, showing all required information, that can be printed off.

MAMMALS: Barrie Mills; gnsmammalsrecording@outlook.com

Gloucestershire Bat Group Recorder: David Wells email: david@pitchwood.org.uk

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS: David Dewsbury (01594 832068); email: david.dewsbury@btinternet.com

INVERTEBRATES: (apart from those dealt with by recorders for specific groups): David Scott-Langley email: dscottlangley@hotmail.co.uk

ANTS, BEES & WASPS: Tony Taylor (01452 728734); email: taylor.ant@outlook.com

BEETLES (other than Ladybirds), BARKFLIES, WOODLICE, CENTIPEDES, MILLIPEDES, HARVESTMEN, FALSE SCORPIONS, LACEWINGS, SPRINGTAILS & FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES: David Scott-Langley; email: dscottlangley@hotmail.co.uk.

BUTTERFLIES: Chris Wiltshire (01453 545509); email: butterfly-recorder@gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk. Vic Polley, Assistant Butterfly Recorder, mvicpolley@tiscali.co.uk

MOLLUSCS: Position vacant

SPIDERS: Position vacant

MOTHS: V-c 33 East Gloucestershire: Robert Homan (01242 235408); email: theapiary@hotmail.com. V-c 34 West Gloucestershire (west of the Severn): Michael Bradley (01531 822315); email: michaelw1184w@hotmail.co.uk . V-c 34 West Gloucestershire (east of the Severn): Ali Bourne; email: alibourne13@gmail.com

Online distribution maps and additional information for Gloucestershire moths can be found at <http://www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk/moths/mothmap.html>

DRAGONFLIES: Richard Mundy: email: glos.dragonflies@gmail.com

GRASSHOPPERS, BUSH-CRICKETS, EARWIGS, & COCKROACHES: John Widgery (01242 673873); email: johnwidgery26@gmail.com

HEMIPTERA (BUGS): John Widgery (01242 673873); email: johnwidgery26@gmail.com

HOVERFLIES, CONOPID FLIES AND LADYBIRDS: David Iliff (01242 674398); email: davidiliff@talk21.com

ROBBERFLIES, HUNCHBACK-FLIES, WATER-SNIPEFLIES, BEEFLIES, SNIPEFLIES, WINDOWFLIES, SOLDIERFLIES, HORSEFLIES, STILETTO-FLIES, AWL-FLIES, WOODSOLDIERFLIES: Martin Matthews email: martmatt@btinternet.com

MECOPTERA (Scorpionflies): Martin Matthews; email: martmatt@btinternet.com

CRAYFISH: John Field, c/o Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Road, Gloucester GL4 6SX (01452 383333); email: john.field@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

MAYFLIES, STONEFLIES & CADDISFLIES: Jason Doe (07739 391013); email: jdoerecords@gmail.com

FLOWERING PLANTS, FERNS & STONEWORTS: Mark and Clare Kitchen (01453 810958); email: clareandmarkplants@yahoo.co.uk

MOSES AND LIVERWORTS: Peter Martin (01666 503791); email: petermartin@btinternet.com

FUNGI: Please provide details of substrate (e.g., soil, log, leaf, living or dead, etc.) and associated organism (growing on or near to species x) where possible. V-c 33 East

Gloucestershire and Cotswold Fungus Group; contact the group via their website <https://www.cotswoldfungusgroup.com/>, and for help with identifications join their Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CotswoldFungusGroup/> . V-c 34 West Gloucestershire and Dean Fungus Group, John Holden (01594 510752, 07775855807); email: myxomage@icloud.com; website: www.deanfungusgroup.com

LICHENS: Juliet Bailey email: glos.lichens@gmail.com; website: <http://gloslichens.potsherd.net>

MYXOMYCETES: John Holden (01594 510752, 07775855807); email: myxomage@icloud.com . A good photo or dried material would be helpful.

PLANT GALLS: Robert Homan (01242 235408) email: theapiary@hotmail.com

NEW COUNTY RECORDERS

The Society is always looking for new County Recorders to fill vacant positions (particularly SPIDERS, MOLLUSCS and flies not covered above) or to cover groups not listed above, no matter how obscure. Anyone willing to undertake these tasks or to organise (or help organise) surveys in the county is invited to contact Juliet Bailey (Chairman, GNS Scientific & Publications Sub-committee), glos.lichens@gmail.com

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS AND ADDRESSES

Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society Chairman:

Mervyn Greening; email: mervyngreening@btinternet.com

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Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society Treasurer: Andy Oliver; email: treasurer@glosnats.org

Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society Library:

The Society's library is in the main house at Hartpurpury College. Normally open Monday-Friday, 9-5. Phone 01452 702160 before visiting to check the room is free for use.

Editor of GNS News (general matters; appears quarterly):

Kate Kibble; email: kkibble@sky.com

Editor of The Gloucestershire Naturalist (journal of record and longer articles, appears annually): Juliet Bailey, glos.lichens@gmail.com Articles and reports for TGN should be sent to the Editor by 28 February of the year of publication. Notes for contributors and page layout are available from the same source.

Gloucestershire Naturalists' Society Website:

www.glosnats.org for sightings, recorders, events, archives and species information.

Website admin: Ben Locke email: mail@benlocke.co.uk

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