

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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WILDLIFE RECORDING INFORMATION SHEET

The Society's official recording area is the whole of the vice-counties 33 (East Gloucestershire) and 34 (West Gloucestershire). However, for practical purposes, certain 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, and these should be sent to the Recorders as detailed below. Records may be submitted in any form (so long as they are legible and intelligible); some Recorders prefer them on A6 cards (one per species), or, for certain groups, on the appropriate recording form (available from the Recorders - see below), though a simple list (preferably in systematic order) is acceptable for groups such as moths.

Ideally the following information should be supplied:

- * Species name.
- * Where seen (name of location, preferably using names on the 1:50000/1:25000 Ordnance Survey maps; if in doubt include a sketch map of the site) plus six figure map reference. It is helpful to Recorders if the tetrad number is also given. 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.

These details should be sent to the appropriate Recorder from the list below. The precise location of rare species will be kept confidential in the interests of conservation - records should be clearly labelled CONFIDENTIAL if they are to be so treated. Straightforward records are too numerous to be acknowledged individually by the Recorders.

It is also possible to record your sightings online - see details below.

The most interesting records are published in the Society's "GNS News", but **all** records are valuable in building up a picture of the present status and distribution of species in our county, for compiling annual reports and for updating our records and those at the Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records and the national Biological Records Centre, Monks Wood. The Society's recording is well described in "Dot Mapping and the Recording of Species' Distribution in Gloucestershire" in *The Gloucestershire Naturalist (TGN)*, No.1, 1984, price £2.00 plus £1.00 p. & p., available from the Chairman of the Scientific & Publications Sub-committee (for address see below).

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS

with information on the most up-to-date sources for check-lists

BIRDS: Richard Baatsen (01452 740161); email: baatsen@surfbirder.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 (**please send sae**); **submission of records by email preferred** (see also Gloucestershire Bird Report 2005 pp 18-20). The GNS website has a recording form showing all required information that can be printed off. Checklist in *TGN 5* (1992). Fuller account in *Birds of Gloucestershire* by C.M.Swaine (1982).

- **British Trust for Ornithology Representative:** Mike Smart (01452 421131); email: smartmike@btinternet.com.
- **Gloucestershire Bird Report** (annual report on the county's avifauna) published by Gloucestershire Ornithological Coordinating Committee (GOCC).

MAMMALS: John Field, c/o The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Road, Gloucester GL4 6SX. (01452 383333); email: john.field@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk. Checklist in *TGN 5* (1992).

- **Gloucestershire Bat Group:** Andy Smart (Chairman)

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS: Colin Twissell (01452 714413); email: canditwissell@btinternet.com. Special recording form available. Checklists in *TGN 5* (1992) & *TGN 17* (2006).

FISH & CRAYFISH: Pete Bradshaw, c/o The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Church House, Standish, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire GL10 3EU; email: peter.bradshaw@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk. Fish checklist in *TGN 5* (1992).

INVERTEBRATES: Gloucestershire Invertebrate Group (GIG): Andrew Leach, c/o The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Road, Gloucester GL4 6SX. (01452 383333); email: Andrew.leach@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk.

- **BUTTERFLIES:** Chris Wiltshire (01453 545509); email: chriswiltshire164@o2.co.uk. *The Butterflies of Gloucestershire* by Guy Meredith is at www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk/bflyglos/bflyglos.html. Butterfly Conservation Gloucestershire Branch: www.gloucestershire-butterflies.org.uk.
- **MOTHS:** Roger Gaunt (01594 530475); email: roger.gaunt@btinternet.com. *Gloucestershire Moths – An Account* by Roger Gaunt (2000), (2nd edition 2006); *Set of Moth Distribution Maps* by Roger Gaunt (80 maps showing distribution of selected species) (2003).
- **DRAGONFLIES:** Ingrid Twissell (01452 714413); email: canditwissell@btinternet.com. *Distribution of Dragonflies in Gloucestershire* by S.C.Holland (1991). Checklist in **TGN 20**, also available from Ingrid Twissell.
- **HOVERFLIES & LADYBIRDS:** David Iliff (01242 674398); email: davidiliff@talk21.com. Ladybirds in *Coleoptera of Gloucestershire* by D.B. Atty (1983).
- **ANTS, BEES & WASPS:** Tony Taylor (01452 728734); email: taylor.ant@cotswoldwireless.co.uk.
- **SPIDERS:** David Haigh (01242 513544); email: djrhaigh@hotmail.co.uk. Animals for identification can be sent by post in an envelope containing a small flat non-crushable box holding some moss or slightly damp cotton wool.
- **BARKFLIES, WOODLICE, CENTIPEDES, MILLIPEDES, HARVESTMEN, FALSE SCORPIONS, LACEWINGS, SPRINGTAILS & FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES:** David Scott-Langley 19 Chesterton Grove, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1XN (01285 659631); email: david@scott-langley.freeserve.co.uk. Check-lists for millipedes and false scorpions in *TGN 12* (1999); centipedes in *TGN 18* (2007); springtails in *TGN 16* (2005) & **18** (2007); Checklists for bark flies in *TGN 17* (2006).
- **BEETLES (other than ladybirds), SAWFLIES, FLIES (other than hoverflies):** Keith Alexander (01392 413092); email: keith.alexander@waitrose.com. *Coleoptera of Gloucestershire* by D.B. Atty (1983).
- **GRASSHOPPERS, BUSH-CRICKETS, EARWIGS, & COCKROACHES, BUGS (HEMIPTERA):** John

Widgery (01242 673873); email: johnwidgery@waitrose.com . Checklists for bugs in *TGN 8, 9, 16 & 19* (1995, 1996, 2005 & 2008), Checklist for Orthopteroids in *TGN 15* (2004)

- **LAND & FRESHWATER MOLLUSCS:** David Long (01242 527673); email: david@long55.wanadoo.co.uk. Checklist in *TGN 3* (1989).
- **FLEAS:** Bob George (01202 515238); no email.
- **ECTOPARASITES (Lice, louse-flies):** Robin Sellers (01946 725453); email: sellers@craghouse7.freemove.co.uk. Checklist of louse-flies in *TGN 1* (1984).
- **FRESHWATER TRICLADS:** Larry Bellamy (01594 516420); email: lar.amy@btinternet.com Checklist in *TGN 1* (1984).

FLOWERING PLANTS, FERNS & STONEWORTS: Mark and Clare Kitchen (01453 810958); email: markarkitchen@yahoo.com. *Supplement to the Flora of Gloucestershire* by S.C.Holland, H.M.Caddick and D.S.Dudley-Smith (1986); *The Flora of the Bristol Region* by I.P.Green, R.J.Higgins, C.Kitchen & M.A.R.Kitchen (2000); *Stephen Bishop's New Flora of Gloucestershire*, Part 1 edited by R. Cooper: *TGN 13* (2000), and Part 2 edited by C. & M.A.R. Kitchen and I. Carle: *TGN 14* (2008).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ORCHARD GROUP (GOG) Ann Smith (secretary/coordinator) 01452 855677
www.gloucestershireorchardgroup.org.uk email: info@gloucestershireorchardgroup.org.uk

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

FUNGI: Checklist in *TGN 9* (1996).

- **Cotswold Fungus Group & County recorder:** Dave Shorten (01793 764649) email: daveshorten@cotswoldfungusgroup.com.
- **Dean Fungus Group:** Keith & Valerie Davies (01452 760278); email: davieskkvv@tiscali.co.uk.

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PLANT GALLS: Robert Homan email: robert.theapiary@gmail.com

ONLINE RECORDING at www.universalquestions.com/nature

There is now an online county wildlife recording system at Richard Beal's website covering **Birds, Butterflies, Dragonflies & Damselflies, Mammals and Orchids**. It is a straightforward, but nevertheless sophisticated way, of getting your sightings from your desktop to the county recorders and by using the system you can make a valuable contribution to the GNS ongoing recording effort. After a simple registration procedure you can start recording straightaway and you can return to the web site at any time by simply logging in.

The Society is always on the look out for new Recorders to fill vacant positions (e.g. beetles and flies) 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 David Scott-Langley (Chairman, GNS Scientific & Publications Subcommittee), 19 Chesterton Grove, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1XN; Tel 01285 659631; email: david@scott-langley.freemove.co.uk.

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS AND ADDRESSES

GNS Web site: www.glosnats.org.uk

GNS Webmaster: Robert Homan; email: robert.theapiary@gmail.com (01242 235408)

GNS Library: our library is housed in the main library at Hartpury College (01452 702160). Opening hours: Mon – Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm (- 9.00pm in term time; also Sat & Sun 10.00am – 5.00pm in term time only).

GNS Chairman: Mike Smart, 143 Cheltenham Road, Gloucester GL2 0JH (01452 421131); email smartmike@btinternet.com.

GNS Membership Secretary: Andy Bluett, 50 Kingsmead, Abbeydale, Gloucester, GL4 5DY (01452 610085); email: andrew@glosnats.wanadoo.co.uk. See also Membership page on GNS Website.

GNS Cirencester Branch Chairman: David Scott-Langley, 19 Chesterton Grove, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1XN (01285 659631); email: david@scott-langley.freemove.co.uk.

Editor of the GNS News (records and general matters; appears quarterly): Juliet Bailey, Little Haresfield Farm, Standish, Stonehouse, Glos, GL10 3DR (01452 722310); email: gnsnews@potsherd.demon.co.uk.

Editor of The Gloucestershire Naturalist David Scott-Langley, 19 Chesterton Grove, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1XN (01285 659631); email david@scott-langley.freeserve.co.uk. Articles and reports for *TGN* should be sent to the Editor **by February 28th of the year of publication**. Notes for contributors and page layout are available from the same source.

TGN 1 to *TGN 12* were edited by Robin Sellers (01946 725453); email: sellers@craghouse7.freeserve.co.uk. A list of contents of past volumes is available.

Natural England (formerly English Nature): John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL50 3LA.

Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records: GCER, Church House, Standish, Stonehouse, Glos GL10 3EU (01453 822761); email: gcer@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust: Dulverton Building, Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Road, Gloucester GL4 6SX (01452 383333). Web site: www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/gloucswt