

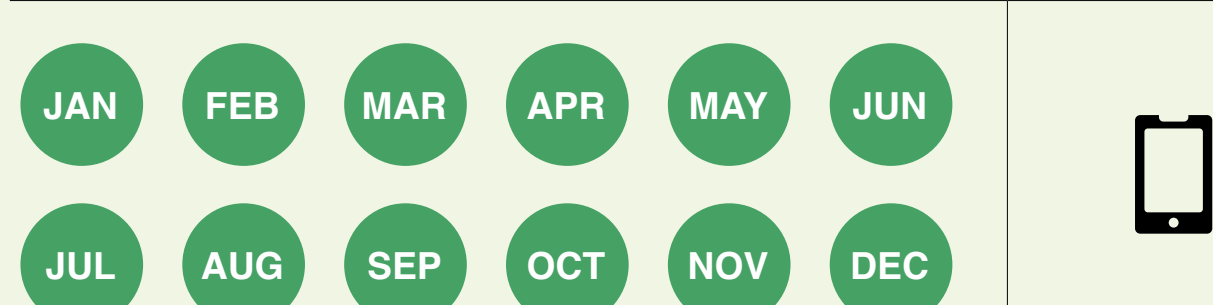
RECORD BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS WITH US

Share your butterfly and moth sightings using one of these methods to suit you. Contribute to scientific research while also growing your nature spotting skills.

iRECORD BUTTERFLIES

iRecord Butterflies

Easily record butterflies and selected day-flying moths, from anywhere. You can also record eggs, caterpillars and pupae. Choose to record a single sighting, a timed count or a list of sightings. The app has image recognition to help with identification.

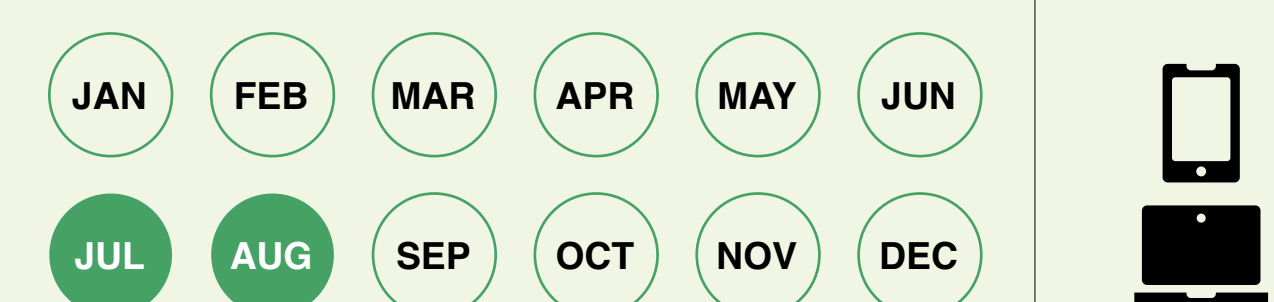


🕒 Flexible, a few minutes or more, as and when.

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT



Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot and count the number and type of widespread butterflies or day-flying moths you see!



🕒 15 minutes during the three-week survey.

GARDEN BUTTERFLY SURVEY



Regularly check a garden, planted balcony or allotment, through the year and create a log of the butterflies you see.

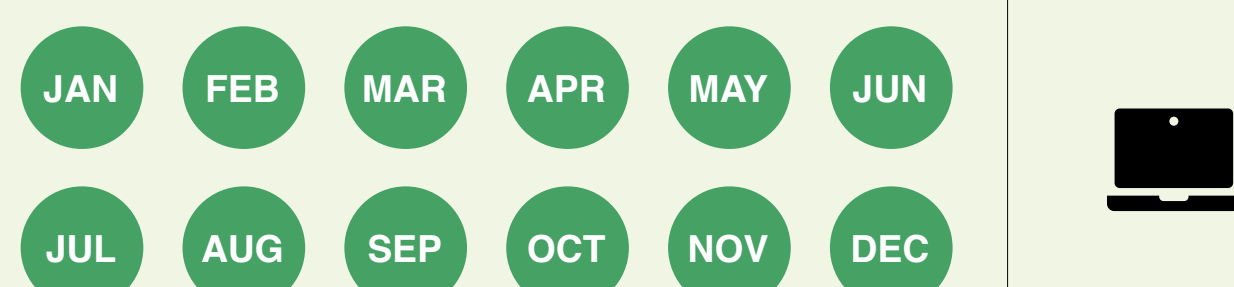


🕒 A walk around the garden, at least once a month.

BUTTERFLIES FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM ONLINE



Record sightings of any butterfly, or its egg, caterpillar or pupae seen anywhere with this straightforward website.

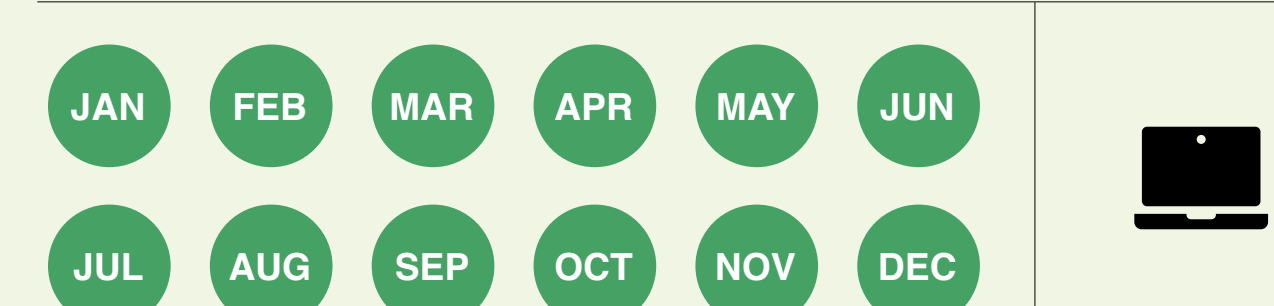


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NATIONAL MOTH RECORDING SCHEME ONLINE



Enter one-off sightings or lists of moths, their eggs, caterpillars or pupae, via this bespoke moth website.

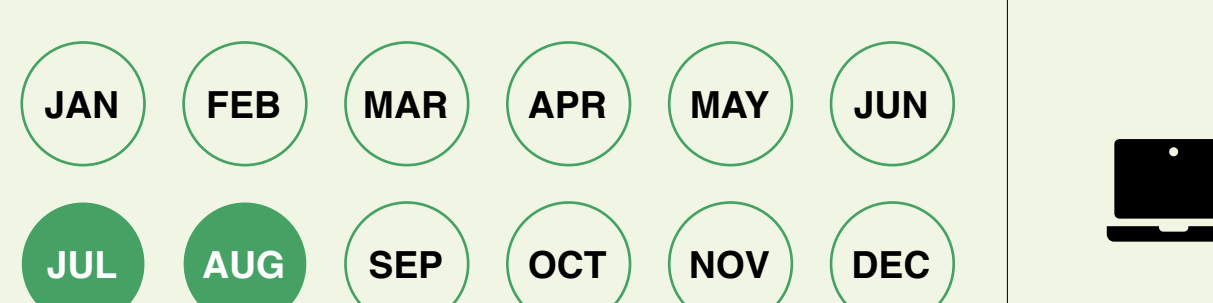


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WIDER COUNTRYSIDE BUTTERFLY SURVEY



Walk a survey site twice in summer and count all the butterflies that you see. Day-flying moths and dragonflies can also be reported. This survey is part of the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme.



🕒 about an hour, twice during the summer.

BUTTERFLY TRANSECTS



Walk a weekly transect route of about one mile in good weather and count any butterflies you observe. This survey is part of the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme.



🕒 about an hour, weekly during spring-summer.

LOCAL DATASETS

Volunteer County Butterfly Recorders and County Moth Recorders and their teams:

- You can send data directly to your local County Recorder instead of using online forms or apps, particularly if you record a lot.
- The data from all sources above are shared with them to collate into a local database and reports.
- County Recorders check (verify) the records for their area using their local and ecological knowledge, in some cases contacting recorders for more information.
- Checked and corrected datasets flow to the national databases.

UK DATABASES

Butterflies for the New Millennium

Checked and corrected data are collated from local datasets to create a UK dataset of nearly 16 million records and including historical data back to the 17th century.

National Moth Recording Scheme

Checked and corrected data are collated together from local datasets to create a UK dataset of over 34 million records. The oldest record is from 1741.

USE OF THE DATA

Data from the UK recording scheme databases are used by Butterfly Conservation scientists and conservationists as well as partners and researchers to **understand, celebrate and save butterflies and moths**. Data are also used locally from the county datasets to assist with local decision making and projects.



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