



**H**erefordshire  
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# About HBRC

**HBRC is the Local Biological Records Centre for the County of Herefordshire.**

A Biological Records Centre is defined as –

*A not-for-profit service run in partnership for the public benefit, which collects, collates, manages and disseminates information of known quality relating to wildlife, wildlife sites and habitats of a defined geographical area.*

HBRC's main aims are to hold all available data about species, wildlife sites and habitats in Herefordshire, and to make this information available to help inform decision-making about our county's natural environment. There are many people and groups who collect information about our natural environment. By collating all this information in one place at HBRC, everyone can get a better overview of the status and distribution of the county's wildlife.

The centre is a not-for-profit partnership service and was developed by Herefordshire Council in 2001; it continues to be hosted by the Council, sitting within the ecology service.

Our database currently holds over 900,000 species records.

We use these records to inform, educate and provide data that environmentalists, ecologists, researchers, planners, and other individuals and organisations can use.

We also aim to provide support for biological recording and for biological recorders within Herefordshire.

Regional and national projects also use HBRC data to inform biodiversity conservation efforts on a larger scale.



# How to get involved

Anyone can be a recorder! We are interested in records of ANY wildlife within the county. Why not start by sending in the information about what you see in your garden or on your favourite walk? You can probably identify more things than you realise!

Identification of some things can be tricky – some species are easily mistaken for others. If in doubt, make notes and ideally TAKE A PHOTO. There are many resources available to help you, including our own website [hbrc.org.uk](http://hbrc.org.uk), and others such as [www.ispotnature.org](http://www.ispotnature.org) where you can upload your photos for others to view and assist with identification. You could also try your local library for ID guides.

Herefordshire has a large number of active experienced recorders and naturalists who are often willing to help budding recorders develop their skills. Many of these belong to groups focussed on their particular interest. Why not try contacting those that interest you for more information:

## Herefordshire Mammal Group

[www.herefordshiremammalgroup.org](http://www.herefordshiremammalgroup.org)

## Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team

[herefordhart.org.uk](http://herefordhart.org.uk)

## Herefordshire Botanical Society

[sites.google.com/view/herefordshirebotanicalsociety/home](http://sites.google.com/view/herefordshirebotanicalsociety/home)

## Ledbury Naturalists

[www.ledburynaturalists.co.uk](http://www.ledburynaturalists.co.uk)

## Herefordshire Fungus Survey Group

[www.herefordfungi.org](http://www.herefordfungi.org)

## Herefordshire Ornithological Club

[www.herefordshirebirds.org](http://www.herefordshirebirds.org)



