

INSECT FLOWER SEARCH RECORDING FORM

Use one column per survey. Enter the your name, grid reference, survey date, counts of the 12 species, the most common species seen other than those listed, distance walked and flower cover of the area searched.



Name:

GRID REFERENCE:				
DATE:				
1. Thick-legged Flower Beetle (male)				
2. Common Malachite Beetle				
3. The Wasp Beetle				
4. Common Red Soldier Beetle				
5. Black & Yellow Longhorn Beetle				
6. Marmalade Hoverfly				
7. Hoverfly – <i>Chrysotoxum bicinctum</i>				
8. Great Pied Hoverfly				
9. Hoverfly – <i>Sericomyia silentis</i>				
10. Duck-billed Hoverfly				
11. Common Carder Bumblebee				
12. Red-tailed Bumblebee				
The most common insect species seen: (other than those listed, also not butterflies, moths or dragonflies)	1			
	2			
	3			
Distance walked (m):				
Flower cover (All/most, Intermediate, Some, Little, None):				

This information is sent to Butterfly Conservation, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology and their partners on the understanding that the data provided by the recorder will be entered into a computerised database and will be used for nature conservation, research, education and public information. The information remains the property of the recorder at all times.

INSECT FLOWER SEARCH – Wider Countryside Butterfly Survey

Thank you for taking part in the WCBS. As part of the roll out we have developed a quick insect flower search to be carried out at the end of your butterfly surveys in July and August. This method has been designed to monitor some common and easily identifiable insect species. The survey is optional and should take just 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your help!

Method

- The survey can be carried out after one or both of your July-August visits.
- At the end of your butterfly survey, walk slowly back along your route (in the opposite direction) for 10 minutes.
- Search for insects only on flowers within a 1m strip on one side of your route (do not switch sides during your search or for subsequent searches).
- Record individuals from the list of 12 selected species (ID guide provided) and describe/record the most common insect species that are not on the list (not butterflies, moths or dragonflies).
- If you are able, please take photos of the insects and send them with your name and grid reference to survey@butterfly-conservation.org or to the postal address below.
- Record the approximate distance in metres that you walked in 10 minutes.
- Record the approximate flower cover in the search area as: All/most (51-100%), Intermediate (26-50%), Some (25-11%), Little (1-10%), None (0%).

How to submit your data

Enter your data by the end of September online at the same time as your butterfly data at www.ukbms.org/wcbs.htm or post your recording form to WCBS, Butterfly Conservation, Manor Yard, East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5QP.

Contact details

Butterfly Conservation: email survey@butterfly-conservation.org, tel. 01929 406036

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