



Biological Records Centre meeting of National Recording Schemes

Saturday 7th March 2020, [National Museum of Scotland](#)

This meeting brings together specialists from recording schemes, government agencies and research organisations to discuss areas of common interest. A theme of the meeting is how biological recording can help assess the condition of sites and habitats.

An extended lunch-break allows time for demonstrations and discussion of additional topics such as: the use of biological records for understanding our changing environment, tools for supporting recording schemes and how recording schemes can initiate and adapt to innovations.

Programme - morning

10:00 Museum doors open: registration, with coffee available, and space if you want to arrange to meet colleagues and catch up

10:30 David Roy (UKCEH) *Welcome – aims of the day and a general update on BRC*

10:40 Nick Isaac (UKCEH) *Monitoring Ecosystem Health using biological records data*

11:00 April Windle (Plantlife/British Lichen Society) – *Cumbria Lichen & Bryophyte Group*

11:15 Tom Prescott (Butterfly Conservation) – *Moths in Scotland*

11:30 Chris Cathrine (Caledonian Conservation Ltd) – *Using existing datasets to inform site condition monitoring at Sites of Special Scientific Interest in Scotland*

11:45 Ashleigh Whiffin (National Museum of Scotland) – *The role of museums in biological recording*

12:00 Lunch (provided)

12:45 Demonstrations and posters (see overleaf)

Programme – afternoon

14:00 Michael Pocock (UKCEH) – *Gaps in biological recording for measuring species trends*

14:15 Iain MacDonald (SNH) – *Monitoring plants in Scotland*

14:30 Garth Foster (Balfour-Browne Club) – *Water beetles outside the box*

14:45 tea break

15:15 Sarah Henshall (Rare Invertebrates in the Cairngorms) – *Conserving rare species in the Cairngorms National Park*

15:30 Katty Baird (NMS volunteer) – *Using NMS's moth collection to inspire a modern-day moth recording project*

15:45 End

Lunchtime posters

At the time of printing this programme we are expecting posters and/or demos from:

- Auchenorrhyncha Recording Scheme
- Bloomin' Algae
- Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland
- BRC / UKCEH
- British Phycological Society
- Butterfly Conservation
- Conchological Society
- Grasshopper Recording Scheme
- MammalWeb
- National Bat Monitoring Programme
- National Museums Scotland
- National Plant Monitoring Scheme
- Plantlife Scotland
- Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum
- Scottish Wildlife Trust
- Silphidae Recording Scheme
- UK Ladybird Survey
- UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme
- University of Edinburgh

Do use the extended lunchbreak to browse and chat!

The BRC stand will include demos of:

- iRecord (including recent developments for verification and the iRecord app)
- Filling gaps for better trends – can we 'nudge' recorders to revisit squares that will most effectively add data to the occupancy models that are used for assessing species distribution trends?

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Your questions and feedback about these and other projects will be welcome!

Keeping in touch

- Join the BRC Newsletter mailing list: <https://www.brc.ac.uk/article/brc-newsletter>
- Recording scheme contact details: <https://www.brc.ac.uk/recording-schemes>
- Contact BRC: brc@ceh.ac.uk
- Contact iRecord: irecord@ceh.ac.uk

Feedback after the meeting

We'd be grateful if you could complete the feedback form online:
<https://ceh-online-surveys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/brc-meeting-2020-feedback>

