

Biological Recording

The main information needed to make a biological record is **who, what, where and when**. Ideally, a **photo(s)** of the species would be included to help with data verification. Additional information such as sex, life stage, number seen can also be recorded. Using software such as **iRecord** which is a free app, facilitates the submission of wildlife sightings from multiple sources to the Guernsey Biological Records Centre. The Guernsey Biological Records Centre is the central location for all data collected in Guernsey to be stored. Apps also allow you to submit sightings out in the field from any location.

Here are some instructions on using iRecord. If you have any problems contact us office@naturecommission.gg and we will be happy to help.

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Register an account using this link <https://irecord.org.uk/> and click 'create new account' in the bottom right-hand corner of the login box

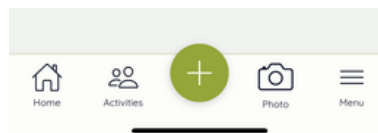
Create new account

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Go onto the app store or Google Play on your phone, search iRecord and download the app. You don't have to use the app and can submit records through the computer.

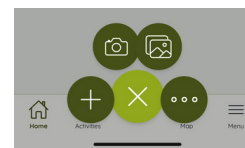
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Log into your account on the app. Then to add a record, press the green button with a plus symbol on it at the bottom of the screen.



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You will have the option to just add the species name (+), to take a photo of the species (camera) or to add a photo you've already taken (picture). If you add a photo, the app will estimate how correct you are. A green circle agrees with your identification. Remember the app is not always correct!

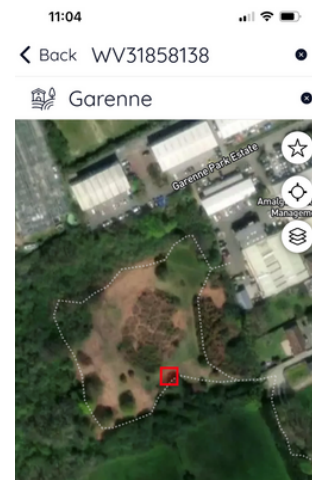


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Then add the location of the sighting. You will be shown a map and you can mark out your location and enter a site name (name of nature reserve or closest road etc.). If you have GPS enabled on your mobile, this will update automatically, but you will still need to add a site name.

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You can then add in how many individuals you saw and other information like life stage or sex. These fields are not compulsory, just complete them if you know. Then press finish and the record will appear under 'Pending'. Press upload once you are happy to submit the record! Once you have submitted a record, it can only be edited on the computer.



Remember you can start making a record and then come back to finalise it before submitting if necessary. The record will be saved in the 'Pending' tab of the home screen. After submitting your record, it will be verified by local experts. Your records and other Channel Island records can be viewed on the computer.