

## Recording sightings of wildlife in Hurst

The UK is amongst the most nature-depleted counties in the world with continuing declines in many species of birds, mammals, insects and plants.

Biodiversity is an increasingly important tool for controlling and managing development in urban and rural communities.

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) will assess the richness of biodiversity for all sites subject to planning applications and this can weigh heavily on whether a site receives approval. WBC gathers biodiversity data from a number of sources including Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre (TVERC). TVERC in turn accesses information from a host of wildlife recording sites. One of these sites is **iRecord**. The iRecord site can be accessed through your PC (or Smart phone app) which allows you to manage and share your wildlife sightings.

At present the records for our village are not very extensive or up to date and so we are encouraging parishioners to register with iRecord and start logging the wildlife you see and particularly those species on the at-risk list. However, do not ignore common species as they could find themselves on the at-risk list in the future.

The easiest way to make sure your records are used in local-decision making is to submit your records directly to TVERC via iRecord.

### How to share your records

All wildlife sightings are important and TVERC welcomes records of any wildlife that you have observed in Berkshire or Oxfordshire. There are several ways in which you can share these with them. You do have to register with iRecord initially.

TVERC has its own online recording activity in iRecord [here](#). Entering sightings via this activity allows us to quickly and easily add the data to our database.

If you have never used iRecord before, TVERC has made a quick video guide on adding a record through the [app](#) or the [website](#). **When using the app you need to join and then select Activities and select TVERC Species Records as your default.**



If you use a different online recording website or app, please download the data in a .csv file and email it to TVERC at [tverc@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tverc@oxfordshire.gov.uk). Remember to take photos too as this will help verify your records.

Once you have entered a record,

- You can amend or delete a record, explore your own or all records
- Explore records of a particular species.
- Explore records for Hurst
- Know once your records have been verified

\*Birds that have been seen in Hurst

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<b>BoCCC4 Red list birds:</b>		
		<b>Mammals (IUCN Red List)</b>
Aquatic warbler	Marsh Tit*	Hedgehog (vulnerable)**
Arctic skua	Marsh warbler	Water Vole (endangered)**
Balearic shearwater	Merlin*	Serotine Bat (vulnerable)**
Black Grouse	Mistle thrush*	Grey long-eared bat (endangered)
Black redstart	Nightingale*	Nathusius' pipistrelle bat (Near threatened)**
Black tailed godwit*	Pied flycatcher*	Leisler's Bat (Near threatened)
Common scoter*	Pochard*	Greater Mouse-eared bat (Critical)
Corn bunting	Red back shrike	Hazel Dormouse
Corncrake	Redwing*	Eurasian Badger**
Cuckoo*	Ring Ouzel*	<b>Mammals on BAP Priority List</b>
Curlew*	Ringed Plover*	Barbastelle Bat
Dotterel	Ruff*	Brown Hare
Fieldfare*	Scaup*	Otter
Golden oriole	Skylark*	Bechstein's Bat
Grey Partridge	Song thrush*	Noctule Bat**
Grey wagtail*	Spotted flycatcher*	Soprano Pipistrelle**
Hawfinch*	Starling*	Brown Long-eared bat**
Hen harrier*	Tree pipit*	Greater Horseshoe Bat
Herring gull*	Tree Sparrow	
House Sparrow*	Turtle dove*	<b>All bats are protected.</b>
Kittiwake*	Whimbrel*	
Lapwing*	Whinchat*	
Lesser redpoll*	White fronted goose	<b>W&amp;C Act 1981 Schedule 5 Priority species</b>
Lesser spotted woodpecker*	Willow tit	Stag beetles inc Lesser Stag Beetle (protected)**
Linnet*	Wood warbler*	
Long tailed Duck	Woodcock*	
	Yellow hammer*	<b>Amphibians – Priority Species (protected)</b>
	Yellow wagtail*	Great Crested Newt**
		Smooth Newt**
<b>Some of the BAP priority Bird species not on the Red List</b>		Adder
Bullfinch*	Great Bittern	Common Toad (in serious decline)**
Dark Bellied Brent Goose	Greater Scaup	Grass snake**
Eurasian Wryneck*	Hedge Accentor (Dunnock)*	Natterjack Toad (extremely rare)
European Nightjar*	Wood lark*	Common Lizard
Grasshopper Warbler*		Slow Worm**
		Palmate Newt**
<b>Insects, Moths and Butterflies on BAP priority List</b>		
There are so many – please register as many as you can for ladybirds, bees, spiders, beetles, dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and moths. For a list go to: <a href="http://incc.gov.uk">List of UK BAP Priority Terrestrial Invertebrate Species (2007) (incc.gov.uk)</a>		