

Hints and resources for monitoring biodiversity



Surveying the species found in green spaces is a key part of conserving them. There are many free resources available to help you do this, as well as fantastic identification books. This sheet contains details of the equipment you may need and recommended identification guides and books, that are free and available for purchase.

Don't forget to sign up for the iRecord activity below, to record your wildlife sightings. The instructions for creating an iRecord account and how to use iRecord is linked [HERE](#).



Use the QR code to join **CU Wildlife Recording** activity on iRecord.



The Bat Conservation Trust has [fact sheets and sound samples](#) for each British bat species

Both static and heterodyne bat detectors can be loaned from the Cambridge University Botanic Garden

BATS



BUTTERFLIES



To help identify butterflies and moths use the [Butterfly Conservation Trust identification sheet and guide](#).

We recommend you use 8x magnification binoculars for darker/woodland areas or 10x for bright/open areas and the Collins Bird Guide to help with identification.



BIRDS

The Field Studies Council (FSC) has both [ladybird](#) and [ladybird larva](#) guides to help with identification.



LADYBIRDS



MOTHS



PICK YOUR SPECIES!

BEES

The FSC has a [bee identification sheet](#) and The Bee Conservation Trust guidance can be found [here](#). Click on the numbers for some additional free guides [1](#) [2](#) The Field Guide to the Bees of Great Britain and Ireland (Book) provides even more information.

We recommend the Concise Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland: Second Editions and the [Butterfly Conservation Trust guidance](#). Moth trap types to consider using include; **Skinner, Heath** and **Robinson**