

Wildlife Identification Resources

Species identification Guides

Birds & bird calls

www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/

Flowering plants

www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species (narrow it down by time of year, colour and habitat)

or www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/spotter-sheets

or www.gardenersworld.com/plants/garden-identifier-to-british-wildflowers/

Invertebrate families

www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/research-centres-and-groups/opal/Invertebrates-guide--UPDATED-FINAL.pdf

Trees

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/

Bird feeding guide

www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/feeding-birds/

Lower plants

www.field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/churchyard-lichens-identification-chart/

Ferns

ebps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Fern-Guide01.pdf

Bats

www.bats.org.uk/about-bats/what-are-bats/uk-bats

[Butterflies and Moths](#)

butterfly-conservation.org/

There are many phone apps that help with wildlife identification or recording such as iSpot www.ispotnature.org/ and iRecord irecord.org.uk/explore.

Simple ID guides you can buy:

Fold out leaflets (e.g. birds, churchyard lichens, ferns, grassland, invertebrates)

www.field-studies-council.org/product-category/publications/?fwp_publication_type=fold-out-guide

and one on churchyard wildlife:

www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/product/guide-to-wildlife-in-burial-grounds/

Local Recording groups

There are many local naturalist groups that may be able to help with recording in your churchyard, field clubs & natural history societies, bat groups, ornithological groups, amphibian and reptile groups, etc. Your local environmental records centre should be able to help you find contacts.

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre www.tverc.org (Oxfordshire & Berkshire)

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre www.bucksmkerc.org.uk/

Further Information

Caring For God's Acre

www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/ An excellent source of information on churchyard management for wildlife & heritage.

A Rocha UK's Eco Church resources on churchyards and land

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/land/>

Swifts and Churches

oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/environment/swifts-churches/

Bats

www.bats.org.uk/