

DragonflyWatch

Complete Lists and Adopt a Site



Complete List Surveys

Recording should be carried out at a wetland site during the Dragonfly season, May to September, and only during sunny, calm and dry weather conditions.

The aim is to make a complete lists of all the Dragonfly species present at a site. Record all potential Dragonfly breeding habitat within your site, until you are reasonably satisfied you have identified all species present.

During your site visit you will need to record:

1. Date
2. Site name
3. Grid reference
4. Species present
5. Useful site notes, such as the survey route or access information (if you are planning on revisiting the site).

If a species is found only in one specific area within your monad, you could note a more accurate grid reference in the notes section. This can then be entered in the species comments on iRecord.

Adopt a site

Ideally volunteers will record 'complete lists' at their chosen site(s) three times each year, spread out throughout the Dragonfly season: May-September. This is to ensure that species with different flight periods are encountered. If you believe you can fulfil this commitment you can register your site via the BDS website.

Choosing a site

Sites are defined as 1KM OS grid squares, or 'monads'. If you need help choosing a site to survey, contact the your County Dragonfly Recorder. You can find out their contact information on the BDS website:

www.british-dragonflies.org.uk

Surveying your site

If a waterbody in your monad crosses over your monads boundary into another, survey the whole waterbody. If you have part of a very large or linear waterbody (e.g. a loch, stream or river) in your monad just survey the section that falls in your waterbody.

Submit your sighting

Please enter your records into the BDS iRecord database. Visit the Submit a Record page of the BDS website www.british-dragonflies.org.uk

Aim to complete your data entry by the end of October on iRecord.