

RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

The Casual Record Sheet is for general recording of butterflies on a variety of sites, for example, when atlas recording in different areas.

Use one column to record sightings from each site on each separate day. An example of a completed column entry is shown below. Please enter information on this sheet as follows:

Name: Enter your name

Address/Tel: Enter your address and telephone number.

Year: Enter the year during which the records are made. Please do not put records for more than one year on each sheet.

Site Information: Record here information about the site or locality. Please also state (vice)County.

OS Map Reference: Write the Ordnance Survey map reference of the site in the left-hand space. This should preferably be 6-figure for the centre-point of a small site (e.g. R 331952) or at least 4-figure (i.e. 1km square, e.g. R 3395) for the locality. If the site is large, divide it into sub-sites and record each 1km square separately.

Site name / Locality: Give the site name or a name, such as a feature named on the map, to identify the locality being recorded, in the right-hand space.

Habitat type(s): Enter the code(s) from the list of habitat types below that apply to the site/locality where the butterflies were actually seen.

Day / Month: Give the day and month of the record (as numbers).

Species recorded

- Please record all butterfly species seen at the named site/locality,
- Write the numbers seen on that date: 1, 2,5,.....50,.....etc.
- Please record also any eggs, larvae, pupae or mating seen, using codes:
O (eggs), **L** (larvae), **P** (pupae) and **M** (mating), respectively.
- Use the Notes box below to add further notes on any of the records.

Habitat codes:

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| 1 Sea-shore / cliffs / salt marsh / dunes etc | 54 Marshes / fens |
| 2 Freshwater edges (lakes / rivers/ canals) | 6 Rocky inland habitats / screes etc |
| 31 Heath/scrub | 81 Fertilized / improved / reseeded grassland |
| 34 Calcareous grassland | 82 Crops |
| 35 Acid grassland | 83 Orchards / plantations / commercial forestry |
| 38 Meadow (unimproved) | 84 Tree lines / hedges / small woods |
| 41 Broad-leaved deciduous woodland | 85 Parks / gardens / churchyards |
| 42 Native coniferous woodland | 86 Urban / industrial areas |
| 43 Mixed woodland | 87 Fallow / waste / disturbed land |
| 51 Raised / lowland bog | 89 Quarries / pits |
| 52 Blanket / upland bog | 90 Road / rail verges, cuttings etc |

Notes:

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Please return completed forms to: The Dublin Naturalists' Field Club, 35 Nutley Park, Dublin 4.

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Thank you for your help.

The information supplied here is completed and sent to The Dublin Naturalists' Field Club, Butterfly Conservation and their partners on the understanding that the data provided by the recorder will be entered into a computerised database and will be used for nature conservation, research, education and public information. The information remains the property of the recorder at all times.