

Focus on Flora and Fauna



Can you help with nature data collection?

Do you live near Brechfa East, Mynydd Pencarreg, Abergorlech, Nant y Ffin, Byrgwm, Brechfa, Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn, Llidiad-Nenog, Sifigwm, Mynydd Llanybydder, Rhydcymerau, or Esgairdawe?

Have you seen something rare or special in your garden, while out walking or working locally?

Recording wildlife sightings is vitally important. Without verified records, there is no evidence of what species our area currently supports, or what may be at risk of being lost forever. Sightings that cannot be supported by data cannot be used to protect species through planning or conservation processes.

You may already have valuable information — perhaps from ecological surveys carried out during building repairs (for example, bats), or you may have kept your own wildlife records and simply need help transferring them into a recognised database.

How to Record Your Sightings

Recommended Apps:

- LERC App – a user friendly way to submit all your records including, but not limited to, rare and protected species of flora and fauna.
- Merlin Bird App – helps identify birds by song and call

When using the Merlin Bird App, please make a note of exactly where you were standing when you heard the bird. Dropping a pin using Google Maps or the OS Maps app is very helpful.

Both apps are easy to use, and we can offer free advice and training if you need help downloading or using them.

If Apps Aren't for You

If technology isn't your thing, you can still help. Please write down what you saw, where you saw it, the date and time, and how many individuals you observed.

You can get in touch via email: focusonfandf@gmail.com

Protecting Sensitive Information

If you record a rare species using the LERC app, exact locations are not visible to the general public. *Please take care not to share locations or details of rare species on social media as you may put them at risk.*

Priority Species – Wanted Records

Birds

- Bullfinch
- Common Linnet
- Cuckoo
- Curlew
- Dunnock
- Grasshopper Warbler
- Hawfinch
- Hen Harrier
- House Sparrow
- Kestrel
- Lesser Redpoll
- Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
- Marsh Tit
- Meadow Pipit
- Nightjar
- Pied Flycatcher
- Skylark
- Spotted Flycatcher
- Starling
- Tree Pipit
- Tree Sparrow
- Willow Warbler
- Yellowhammer
- Yellow Wagtail

Mammals

- Barbastelle Bat
- Dormouse
- Greater Horseshoe Bat
- Harvest Mouse
- Hedgehog
- Otter
- Pine Marten
- Red Squirrel
- Water Vole

Other Priority Species

Additional priority species lists are available from **Carmarthenshire County Council**, including:

* Bryophytes *Bumblebees *Fungi *Lichens

These lists are more specialised, but if you have expertise in any of these areas, you can view them here:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/council-services/climate-action-sir-gar/biodiversity/priority-species-in-carmarthenshire/>