

SWSEIC – your local environmental records centre

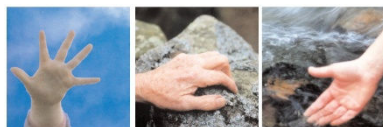
South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre (SWSEIC) provides a central focal point for information about wildlife, sites, habitats and geology in SW Scotland. The Centre aims to further the appreciation, understanding and conservation of the region's wildlife through improving the quantity and quality of the information available for local decision makers. A key aspect of this is collating wildlife records, managing and safeguarding the data and providing easy access to it. We also help to promote and support wildlife recording in the region to help fill in some of the gaps in our knowledge.



The Centre is hosted by Southern Uplands Partnership, a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity, and operates from an office in Kirkgunzeon. Our staff and volunteers work to bring together records from a wide range of individuals and organisations. Once computerised, the information can be used to produce maps and lists that help to provide a picture of the region's rich and varied flora and fauna.

The Centre works in partnership with a wide range of local and national organisations, providing an important link with the local community. Our work is overseen by a Steering Group with representatives from Scottish Natural Heritage, local authorities, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and local wildlife recorders. The information held at the Centre continues to be used widely and exchanged with an increasing number of organisations.

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By submitting information on this form/card you agree that it may be collated and disseminated, manually or electronically, including the internet, for environmental decision-making, education, research and other public benefit uses. SWSEIC will retain the form and your details in case we need more information about particularly important records. Your name and address will be entered on computer with the records to identify you as the contributor and to aid data management should you submit future records. Your name(s) may be passed to third parties with your records to identify you as the source of the data in copies or extracts of the database carried out in accordance with the functions of the SWSEIC. No other personal details (e.g. address or contact details) will be divulged. If you object to your personal details being retained, please tick the following box although please note this will considerably limit the usefulness of the information you provide.....

Wildlife Records Form



Records of where different plants and animals live are vitally important. They help to improve our understanding of our natural environment, highlight important wildlife areas and can be used for many different purposes. Anyone can help gather valuable information by filling in your contact details below and noting your wildlife sightings on the form overleaf, recording where and when you see different species.

Your sightings could be of birds, mammals, butterflies, plants – in fact anything at all that you can confidently identify. Even records of common species are useful too. Try to identify the precise species wherever possible (e.g. 'Great-spotted Woodpecker' is better than 'Woodpecker'), but be truthful – better to record that you don't know rather than guess a species identity. If you are unsure about identification, try to take a photo and send it to us – we are happy to try to identify it for you. As well as a place name, if you can give a grid reference (or postcode in populated areas) this is very useful to identify the precise location.

If you need more space then please photocopy the second page as many times as you need, but remember to include your name on all sheets. Regular recorders may wish to use our spreadsheet to enter their records (available to download from our website).

Completed forms should be returned to:

South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre
 Studio 1, Hillhead Mill, Kirkgunzeon, Dumfries DG2 8LA

You can contact SWSEIC on 01387 760274 or by email at info@dgerc.org.uk.

Your Name		
Address		
Postcode		
Phone number		
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