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General advice on recording

All records are worthwhile. The essential four pieces of information that must accompany all records are:

What	Where	When	Who by
SPECIES NAME (& HOW MANY)	PLACE NAME (GRID REF IF POSSIBLE)	DATE	YOUR NAME

If no County Recorder is listed, please send your records to the OWIARC:

**Orkney Wildlife Information and Records Centre, Orkney Library and Archive,
44 Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1AG**
Email: biodiversity@orknevlibrary.org.uk

If you want a reply it would be appreciated if you include a stamped addressed envelope. This is essential when specimens have to be sent away for identification. When collecting specimens please collect only the minimum number needed for purposes of identification. If you need help with identification or if you would like more information about records of a particular species of plants, birds, mammals, invertebrates, etc, please ask the appropriate County Recorder. To assist with species identification the OWIARC holds a library of reference books and equipment including microscopes.

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Orkney Field Club promotes the enjoyment, study and conservation of local wildlife. The Club manages land for wildlife, responds to conservation policy issues, promotes biological recording and runs training events. OFC was a founding partner of the Wildlife Information Centre (Orkney Biodiversity Record Centre), located in the Orkney Library & Archive, which holds records of Orkney species, sites, habitats etc in a database. This valuable data is available to all interested parties. Records are submitted to OBRC by a network of County Recorders who encourage everyone to participate in the collection of data.

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Newsletters are normally sent out to members three times per year and are also available on the Club's website. They give members news, information and a programme of events.

The Club's Bulletin – *The Orkney Naturalist* – is the main publication of the Orkney Field Club, and it is produced in spring each year. It is free to members. It contains a wide range of articles about Orkney's natural history and it is also the Journal of Record for annual summaries of records from Orkney's County Recorders for various taxonomic groups of wildlife. For enquiries about the Bulletin, including guidelines for those wishing to submit articles, please contact the Editor, John Crossley by emailing flawsjohn@gmail.com.

Resources are made available to members, who have access to the Club's slide collection and a comprehensive range of reference books and other equipment, including microscopes. Contact the Orkney Wildlife Information and Records Centre for details – www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/obrc

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