

Recording Wildlife in Winter

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Help with identification and recording in Powys

- Powys & Brecon Beacons Wildlife Recording Group: facebook.com/groups/powysbbnpwildlife
- Biodiversity Information Service for Powys & Brecon Beacons National Park (BIS): bis.org.uk
- Local experts / vice county recorders: bis.org.uk/get_involved/find_an_expert
- Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust: montwt.co.uk
- Radnorshire Wildlife Trust: rwtwales.org
- The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales: welshwildlife.org
- BIS YouTube channel: youtube.com/channel/UClJdZbzMNU9LRj28gzGtGPg

Tracks & signs

- 'How to find and identify mammals' book (useful all round guide to mammals tracks & signs; also includes poo and feeding remains): nhbs.com/how-to-find-and-identify-mammals-revised-edition-book
- 'Mammal Mapper' app from Mammal Society; for recording mammals and conducting surveys, but also includes ID guide to mammals: mammal.org.uk/volunteering/mammal-mapper

Footprints

- Online guide to footprints from The Wildlife Trusts: wildlifetrusts.org/how-identify/identify-tracks
- Mammals tracks & signs guide (Field Studies Council (FSC)): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/mammal-tracks-and-signs-guide
- Bird tracks & signs guide (FSC) field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/bird-tracks-and-signs

Poo (scat)

- Online guide to mammal scat from the Mammal Society: mammal.org.uk/whose-poo/
- Scat, Pellets, Tracks And Signs UK group on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/600079494006751

Sounds

- Advice from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) on how to learn how to identify birds: bto.org/develop-your-skills/bird-identification
- Xeno-Canto, an enormous online library of bird sounds from around the world: xeno-canto.org
- BBC Sound Effects, a really fun searchable archive of all sorts of sound: sound-effects.bbcrewind.co.uk
- See also RSPB bird A-Z linked below.

Nibbled nuts

- Download a guide to finding dormice from the People's Trust for Endangered Species: ptes.org/campaigns/dormice/surveying-and-monitoring-hazel-dormice/dormouse-nut-hunt
- BBC Wildlife Magazine online guide to feeding remains: discoverwildlife.com/how-to/identify-wildlife/how-to-identify-wildlife-feeding-signs

Garden birds

- RSPB online A-Z of birds: rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z
- Guide to top 50 garden birds (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/top-50-garden-birds
- BTO's Garden Birdwatch: bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw
- RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch: rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch
- MWT's Garden Bird Survey: montwt.co.uk/MWT-Garden-Bird-Survey

Wetland birds

- Guide to ducks, geese and swans (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/ducks-geese-and-swans-guide
- BTO's Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS): bto.org/our-science/projects/wetland-bird-survey
- Wildlife trust nature reserves:
 - MWT: montwt.co.uk/nature-reserves
 - Radnorshire Wildlife Trust: rwtwales.org/explore
 - The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales: welshwildlife.org/nature-reserves/brecknock

Fungi

- Quick guide to common, easy to ID fungi in Montgomeryshire: montwt.co.uk/fungi-quick-guide
- Fungi name trail (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/fungi-name-trail
- Video introduction to identifying fungi (FSC): youtu.be/swCfP_tkFH4
- How to photograph fungi for ID (British Mycological Society UK Fungus Day): ukfungusday.co.uk/application/files/4116/3117/6398/Photographing_fungi_for_identification.pdf

Galls & Leaf mines

- British Leafminers website: leafmines.co.uk
- British Plant Gall Society: british-galls.org.uk
- Britain's Plant Galls book: nhbs.com/britains-plant-galls-book

Plants in winter

- New Year's Day plant hunt by Botanical Society for the British Isles (BSBI): bsbi.org/new-year-plant-hunt
- Plant identification (BSBI): bsbi.org/identification

House spiders

- British Arachnological Society downloadable factsheets: britishspiders.org.uk/factsheets
- Spider guide (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/spiders-guide
- Britain's spider book: nhbs.com/britains-spiders-book

Moths

- Montgomeryshire Moth Group: montgomeryshiremoths.org.uk
- Online moth ID resource from Butterfly Conservation: butterfly-conservation.org/moths/identify-a-moth
- UK Moths (good all round moth ID site): ukmoths.org.uk

Wasps & bees

- Key to social wasps (Bees , Wasps & Ants Recording Society(BWARS)): bwars.com/sites/www.bwars.com/files/diary_downloads/Vespine%20wasps%20key_v5.pdf
- Winter active bumblebees from BWARS: bwars.com/sites/www.bwars.com/files/info_sheets/Winter_active-bumblebees_infosheet.pdf

Phenology

- Nature's Calendar (Woodland Trust): naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Winter challenges

- Identifying trees in winter:
 - BBC Wildlife Magazine online guide: discoverwildlife.com/how-to/identify-wildlife/how-to-identify-trees-in-winter
 - Book from FSC: field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/winter-trees-aidgap
- Bryophytes (mosses & liverworts)
 - British Bryological Society: britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk/learning/getting-started
 - Garden mosses guide (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/garden-mosses
 - Woodland mosses guide (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/woodland-mosses
- Lichens:
 - British Lichen Society: britishlichensociety.org.uk
 - Online guide to lichens on twigs (Natural History Museum): nhm.ac.uk/take-part/identify-nature/lichen-id-guide/index.dsm1
 - Churchyard lichens guide (FSC): field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/churchyard-lichens-identification-chart