

Local Records Centres in the East of England

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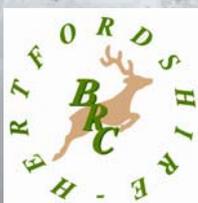
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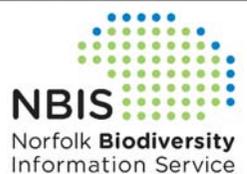
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**Biological data
for Environmental Consultants:
Introducing new standards of service from
Local Records Centres in the East of England**

Front page pictures: main image: oak at Earlham Park (David Boulton);
Inset (left to right): great-crested newt (Karl Charters); brown hare (Peter Vousden);
barn owl (Peter Mallett); pipistrelle bat (Elizabeth Dack); white-clawed crayfish (Essex
Wildlife Trust).

Introducing your Local Records Centres

There are six* Local Records Centres in the East of England, which are the focus for biological information in the region. Although they are hosted and run in slightly different ways, they have one common goal: the collection, management and interpretation of wildlife data so that it can be used for the conservation and enhancement of local biodiversity.

The centres all operate on a not-for-profit basis, providing information for a range of people and organisations. They work closely with County Recorders (who organise the gathering and validation of biological information) to address priorities for future recording such as closing the gap between available data and data needs.

Wherever possible, they are working to integrate their data with the National Biodiversity Network (NBN), which collates information for the whole of the UK.

Environmental consultants benefit from information and services offered by the region's Local Records Centres, for example:

- The provision of data on statutory and non-statutory site boundaries
- Protected and notable species records and other species data for a defined search area
- Habitat and geodiversity information

With other specialist tasks such as habitat opportunity mapping also offered, Local Records Centres represent a cost-effective resource for consultants. Results can be used directly within reports compiled for clients, and can inform further surveys needed.

Location of Local Records Centres in the East of England



Standard enquiry service for Environmental consultants

From the 31st March 2011, all six records centres* in the region will provide an improved standardised data enquiry service in response to comments suggested by environmental consultants.

Standard enquiries for data within a defined search area will:

- **Include records of species of conservation concern** (including species protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981; Protection of Badgers Act; Habitat Regulations 2010; Bird and Habitats Directives; Bonn and Bern Conventions; NERC Section 41; UKBAP (local and national); Veteran Trees (where available); IUCN red data book species; nationally notable and locally rare species; red and amber list bird species; non-native invasive species);
- **Include a map of statutory and non-statutory site boundaries** (such as Ramsar; SAC; SPA; SSSI; NNR; LNR; County Wildlife Sites**; Roadside Nature Reserves**; RIGS** and Ancient Woodland). Citations to be provided on request;
- **Not incur a charge if no records are found;**
- **Be completed within 10 working days (usually sooner);**
- **Include the most recent data held by the LRC.** A metadata statement will be available on each LRC's website, detailing the temporal and geographical coverage of data holdings, data quality and data security;
- **Be sent out in user-specified format** (Excel/Word tables, GIS files, pdf or jpg) subject to licensing restrictions;
- **Provide records from the adjacent county** if the search area spans a county border, without incurring further charges.***

If your information needs are not covered by this standard enquiry service, please do ask and we will do our best to help.

* BRIE is not yet a fully-functioning records' centre and is currently working on a pilot project with some local authorities in Essex. They intend to expand their service to consultants in the near future. ** Names may vary between counties. ***Applies to the East of England region only.