

## Butterfly Surveyor

### What does the role involve?

Butterflies are a valuable indicator species which means that their numbers can often tell us about the state of their habitats. By collecting more data on butterfly population we are hoping to understand more about how the habitats we manage are changing over time and in response to factors such as climate change, pollution and urban development.

**Time required:**      **Flexible Hours between 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

#### Tasks:

- Walking a set transect route and recording the number and species of butterflies you see.
- Visiting our sites regularly from April to September as part of a rota system.
- Following set route and methodology.
- Reporting data to UKBMS (United Kingdom Butterfly Monitoring Scheme) website after each visit and to Earth Trust at the end of the season.

**Location:**      Our Community Reserves across South Oxfordshire - [earthtrust.org.uk/visit-us](https://earthtrust.org.uk/visit-us)

### What skills and experience do you need?

We thrive on your enthusiasm for Earth Trust's work and mission!

Most of our volunteer roles do not require in-depth previous experience as we provide a full induction, but the following skills and attributes would make you particularly suited for this role:

- An interest in wildlife and enjoying spending time outdoors
- Butterfly identification skills are ideal, but not essential
- Surveying experience is helpful, but not essential

This role offers an opportunity to develop butterfly identification skills and spend time outdoors with a purpose whilst enjoying our beautiful green spaces. You'll contribute data towards the UK Butterfly Monitoring scheme which provides valuable information about the invertebrate populations in the UK. You'll also gain valuable volunteering and surveying experience which is helpful for pursuing a career in conservation.

## **What support you will receive?**

All volunteers receive our Volunteer Handbook & Safety Guide and are invited to Insight sessions, exclusive events for our volunteers as well as learning and development events across the year.

Your induction will include a butterfly recording training session induction to the relevant site/s and transect route. Transect route maps and descriptions, reference materials, methodology, recording forms and risk assessments.

## **Our community**

Being part of our community means connecting with like-minded people, learning new skills while sharing your own, spending time outdoors, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Our fantastic team of staff and volunteers is passionate about the environment and dedicated to supporting Earth Trust — and their enthusiasm is truly infectious!

As a volunteer, you'll receive a weekly bulletin to keep you informed about new opportunities, news, and events. We also take time to celebrate your contributions, with an annual volunteer social and smaller get-togethers throughout the year.

## **Get in touch**

For further information, or if you'd like to arrange an informal chat about the role, please contact our Volunteering and Culture Manager, Nicola Frost

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