

iRecord Surveyor

What does the role involve?

Our community reserves are home to a spectacular range of flora and fauna that play an important role in keeping our green spaces healthy and diverse. To help protect and grow these wild populations, it is essential to understand what species inhabit our reserves and how many of them there are. As an iRecord surveyor you will help Earth Trust:

Searching for nature

Earth Trust manages a wide variety of habitats, from woodlands to wetlands. As an iRecord surveyor you will be searching your local green space in search of flora and fauna to record.

Identifying wildlife

Finding wildlife is great, but you will also gain practical experience identifying wildlife! Armed with your Earth Trust ID sheet, you will also attempt to identify whatever you find.

Submitting sightings

Once identified, you will be submitting your sightings to the iRecord database so that Earth Trust can understand what species are at our community reserves.

This is the perfect role for wildlife lovers and can be taken on by anyone over the **age of 13**. This role can also be used to complete the volunteering section of the **Bronze** or **Silver DofE** award.

Time required: 1 hour at any time, any day of the week

Frequency: Weekly

Tasks: Finding and identifying wildlife, submitting sightings to the iRecord database

Location: Any the following reserves

- Wallingford Castle Meadows, **OX10 8LG**
- Wallingford Riverside Meadows, **OX10 8EA**
- Didcot Mowbray Fields, **OX11 8SU**
- Abingdon Abbey Fishponds, **OX14 3XW**
- Abingdon Thrupp Lake, **OX14 3NG**
- Wittenham Clumps and Earth Trust Farm, **OX14 4QZ**

What skills and experience do you need?

No skills or previous experience is required for any of our young volunteer roles. However the following attributes may be useful:

- A **passion** for being outdoors
- An **interest** in wildlife, conservation and species identification
- An eye for **detail**
- A **friendly** and **welcoming** attitude as there will always be members of the public out on our green spaces

What support will you receive?

All young volunteers will attend an hour long induction session run by their volunteer coordinator, during which **role training** and **health & safety** information will be provided. During this session all equipment needed will be distributed.

Our **Young Person's Coordinator** will also be in regular contact if there are any issues or if any additional support is required. A contact email and number for Earth Trust will be issued in the case of an emergency.

About the team

Earth Trust's land management team are essential for ensuring our green spaces remain safe and diverse. Our experienced team of rangers could be doing anything from newt surveys to hedge laying, a truly varied team.

Get in touch

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

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