



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

We are grateful for any sightings you submit, and require that you include the following key bits of information with your sighting.

- **Who** you are – You don't need to be a wildlife expert to help us collect data, but having a record of who made the sightings helps validate them, as well as increasing how useful they are and how long they last. If a second person can confirm the sighting this is helpful, particularly for rare, unusual, and difficult to identify species.
- **What** you saw – Even if it's a common species, we're keen to hear about it, as common wildlife often goes under reported. If you're not certain about what you saw, please don't record it. Scientific names (e.g. *Erithacus rubecula* for Robin) are helpful if you know them.
- **Where** you saw it – the more accurate you can be the better. Information such as the name of the reserve, park or green area, or the town or post code are all very helpful. A grid reference would be ideal.
- **When** you saw it – This helps us look at how wildlife communities change over time, as well as verify records (for example a hoverfly in December is likely to be a mistake). Please use the DD/MM/YYYY format

Below is an example of an ideal record submission.

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Date | Site Name | Grid Reference | Recorder | Reason for Recording |
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| Eurasian bittern | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> | 17/05/2017 | Potteric Carr Nature Reserve | SE 589 005 | N. E. Body | Formal Survey |
| Grass snake | <i>Natrix natrix</i> | 17/05/2017 | Potteric Carr Nature Reserve | SE 589 005 | N. E. Body (and A. N. Other-Person) | Casual Observation |

All sightings, and any questions you have about recording wildlife, can be sent to sightings@ywt.org.uk.