



ACTION OF THE DAY RECORD A PLANT OR ANIMAL



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HOW THIS HELPS

It is really important that we know what wildlife there is around us, so we can protect it.

When people send in their records of plants and animals to a citizen science organisation like the Biodiversity Data Centre it helps to build a picture of what is happening around the country, where numbers are increasing or decreasing and what supports might be needed to help!

There are lots of surveys happening around the country that rely on normal people to help report what they see in their communities!



Where to start

Download the Biodiversity Data centre app or check out their [website](#) You will see that it is really easy to let them know what you have found in your school grounds or local community.

Top Tips

Choose a plant or animal that you can confidently identify. See our spotter sheets below! If it is a plant (or easily photographed animal like a still ladybird) then take a picture. You can send it in along with your information. Bring a notepad out with you to keep track of what you see. When you go back inside upload your findings!

OTHER ACTIVITIES TO TRY



As well as sending in individual records of an animal or plant you have found, you could take part in a survey or monitoring project. You could try a simple FIT count to monitor flying insects visiting a patch of flowers or get stuck into a Dragonfly or Otter monitoring project!



Once off records

Start off simple with our Green Schools Spotter Sheets available in [English](#) or [Irish](#) and keep a record of what you find before sending it on!

Surveys and Projects

- Try this straight forward [FIT count](#) on your school grounds.
- Focus on Dragonflies and get involved in the [monitoring](#) scheme
- If you are lucky enough to live in an area with otters then learn more about the [Otter monitoring project](#)



JUNIOR VIDEOS



If you can't make today's webinar you can watch these short videos to get a taste of otters and dragonflies around the country!

- [Otters in Galway \(RTE "Wild Cities"\)](#)
- [Dragonflies in slow motion \(BBC "Earth Unplugged"\)](#)



SENIOR VIDEOS

Learn more about how and why to record information about the wildlife you see with these videos.

- [Introduction to the Biodiversity Data Centre and recording what you have seen.](#)
- Learn more about the [National Otter Survey](#)

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