WHAT MAKES UP A WILDLIFE RECORD?

It's a record of a species being found in a certain place at a certain time.
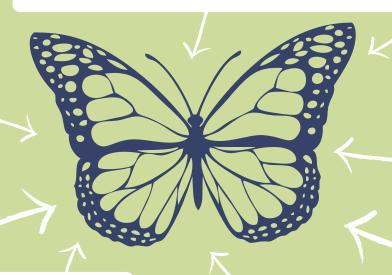
WHAT IS IT?

The most important thing here is not to guess! If you're not sure what something is, ask someone else to help, use a book or the internet. Check out our handy list of online places to look. It often helps to take a photo. You could upload this here to let everyone else help to ID it. Try to be as exact as you can, for example 'Butterfly' isn't very useful, but 'Painted Lady' would be perfect as this tells us the species of butterfly.

DATE THAT YOU FOUND IT

If you saw something twice in one day, in the same place, just record it once. If you see the same thing the next day, you can record it again.

WHO ID'D IT?

It's really important that we know who you are. We won't share your name or details with anyone else without asking.

RECORD TYPE

You can still enter records for things you haven't seen. You might have heard an animal (like a bird) or seen evidence of it (like poo!). You can also add here if you used any equipment, for example did you catch it in a net?

GRID REFERENCE + LOCATION

The best way to tell us where you found it is by giving a Grid Reference. You can download an app to help with this or use the internet. The grid reference should have at least 6 numbers. Add a description of the location, eg. 'Chester Zoo Nature Reserve'

SEX

Is it a girl or a boy? Often you won't be able to tell, so just leave this blank. If you see 1 girl and 1 boy, this should be 2 separate records

STAGE

This often means how old something is - is it an adult, or a juvenile (youngster). For plants, is the plant flowering, have leaves or have buds? If you don't know it doesn't matter - just leave it blank.

HOW MANY?

If you can count how many there are then that's great. Don't worry if you can't - just write 'Present'

#My Patch
RECORD