



biodiversity RECORDING



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Swift



Pine Marten



Garden Tiger moth and caterpillar



Harbour Porpoise



Seaside Centaury

Red Grouse	A scarce game bird of heather-dominated habitats found mainly in Counties Antrim, Derry and Tyrone. The latest population estimate is 220 pairs.
Lapwing	Also known as the 'peewit', this wading bird is found in farmland and wetland habitats across Northern Ireland. In recent years it has undergone a serious decline of over 60%.
Barn Owl	Found mainly across lowland farmland preferring rough unimproved grassland, this iconic bird of prey has undergone rapid decline.
Common or Viviparous Lizard	The only lizard found in Northern Ireland, it lives in a wide range of habitats from woodland to heathland, bogs, sand dunes and even gardens.
Swift	An amazing bird that spends most of its life on the wing, only landing to nest and breed. Arriving in Northern Ireland in May and staying until August, they form screaming parties over our rooftops.
Pine Marten	One of our most elusive carnivores, sightings of pine martens are few and far between. In Northern Ireland they are generally found in deciduous woodland and historically in Fermanagh and Tyrone.
Garden Tiger moth and caterpillar	Found in a wide variety of habitats including gardens. The furry caterpillar of this moth is locally known as the 'woolly bear' or 'granny greybeard'.
Harbour Porpoise	The harbour porpoise is the smallest and most common cetacean (whale/dolphin) found in the coastal waters of Northern Ireland.
Seaside Centaury	A very rare herb found exclusively in sand dunes. It is only recorded at couple of sites on the North Coast. Can be confused with the much more widespread common centaury.

It is very easy to get recording and help your local biodiversity; tell us what you have seen and where you saw it!

To submit a record you need to tell us:

- What you saw
- When you saw it (date and time)
- Where you saw it (grid reference if you know)
- How many you saw
- Who you are (name and contacts)

You can find your location as a grid reference easily by visiting www.gridreference.ie and zooming in on the map.

Remember, your photographs can count as records too. If you find something and don't know what it is you can send us your photographs.

Please submit your records to your Biodiversity Officer, who you can contact through your local Council or click on

www.biodiversityni.com

For more information on recording in Northern Ireland, contact the Centre for Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR) www.nmni.com/cedar

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