



# biodiversity RECORDING

## Wildflowers Count

Saturday 15 June 10am - 12noon  
Antrim Castle Gardens

### Plantlife

Learn how to carry out a 'Wildflowers Count' survey for Plantlife.

The UK's only annual wild plant survey. Many of our more common species of flower can easily be taken for granted, often overlooked while we study rare and endangered species. But common species can be under pressure from pollution, or they may be doing well because of land management practises.

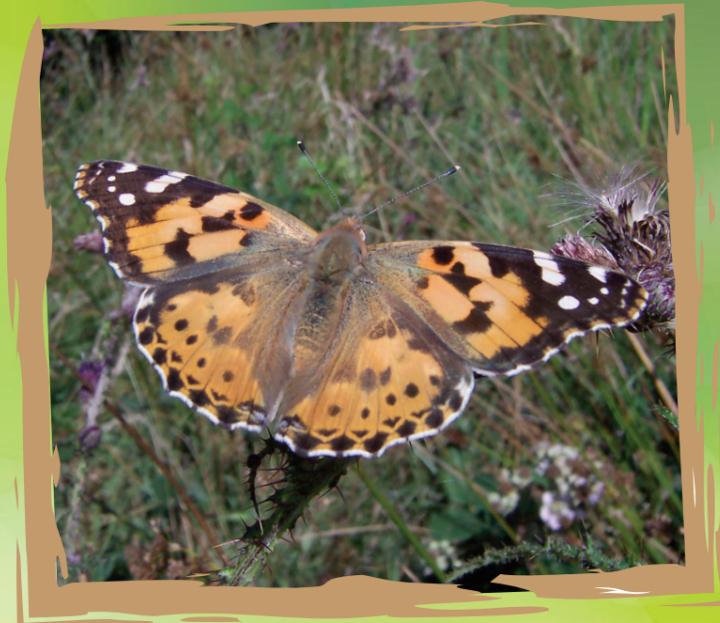
This is why we need to count our more common wildflowers; they are indicators of how healthy our countryside is, and the more counts there are, the better.



## BIG Butterfly Count

Tuesday 30 July 10am-12noon  
Antrim Castle Gardens

Come and join in the BIG Butterfly Count. Perhaps we'll see a Peacock or a Small Tortoiseshell feeding on the lavender, or we'll find a Speckled Wood in the Wildwood. At the beginning of the event, there will also be an opportunity to get up close to some fascinating moths.



## An introduction to Bumblebee Identification

Saturday 3rd August 10.30am to 2.30pm  
Antrim Castle Gardens

Did you know there are 101 bee species in Ireland? Twenty of these species are bumblebees and more than half of these bumblebees are in decline. To learn more facts and tips on how you can record these beautiful insects, come along to hear bumblebee expert, Dr Una Fitzpatrick.



## Ladybird Identification

Saturday 29 June 10am-3pm  
Antrim Castle Gardens



Did you know there are fifteen varieties of ladybird in Northern Ireland?

This event will include a talk on identification of species in this small group, and then a look at ladybirds captured using sweep nets around Antrim Castle Gardens.

This identification training day will be presented by Roy Anderson.

Booking is required and places are limited. Contact **Ruth Wilson**, Biodiversity Officer, Antrim Borough Council **T.** 028 9446 3113 **Ext** 1371

The Biodiversity Games is a recording project which is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund, 'Your Heritage' Programme in partnership with eight biodiversity officers which aims to get people involved in helping their local biodiversity by 'get recording'.



Help your local biodiversity-  
get recording!