name of the dataset: Biological Records Center

full name of the dataset: Biological Records Center

type of dataset (more information): data center

data type: point data/observation data, descriptive data

short description of the dataset/summary:
The Biological Records Centre (or BRC) is the group responsible for recording and keeping records on fresh water and terrestrial species in the UK.

In addition to the national organisation with this name, there are also local biological records centres ("local records centres") within the UK. These have a complementary role as systems "for collating biological data from a wide range of sources (including organisations and individuals), for ensuring that data are properly validated and catalogued, and for providing access to them, thereby acting as a focus for biological information."

science keywords according to GCMD:
topic: Biosphere, Terrestrial Hydrosphere

ISO topic category according to ISO 19115:
Biota, Environment, Inland Waters
Technical and administrative specifications

**data format:** others/specify

**operating system:** all operating systems

**data language:** English

**current access level:** web (public)

**web address (URL):** http://www.brc.ac.uk

**currently available through GBIF:** yes

**update level:** continuously updated

**documentation:**

**Do you plan to publish the data on the Freshwater Biodiversity data portal:**

**media for data delivery:** online internet (HTTP)

**web address:** http://www.brc.ac.uk

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**comments:**

[This entry is currently filled by the BioFresh team by visiting the site and needs to be validated by one of the data holders.]
Intellectual property rights and citation

(if the database is already published):

dataset creator (data compiler):
  contact name: The Biological Records Centre (BRC)
  contact email: brc@ceh.ac.uk

data contributors to/owners of this dataset:
  single

criteria for using the data in a publication/scientific analysis:
  The dataset is publicly available (data portal, data archive) and can be used without restrictions, but must be acknowledged and cited correctly.

citation of this dataset:
  title: http://www.brc.ac.uk - Biological Records Centre. (Version **).
  year: year of access
  version (if applicable): version number from website

citation of the metadata:
  comments: BRC works closely with the voluntary recording community, principally through support of national recording schemes and societies.
General data specifications

regional coverage of the dataset:
  scale of the dataset: national
  continents: Europe

spatial extend (bounding coordinates):
  southernmost latitude [°]: 49.899350
  northernmost latitude [°]: 60.931417
  westernmost longitude [°]: -10.548828
  easternmost longitude [°]: 1.786133
  minimum altitude: -3 metres
  maximum altitude: 1344 metres
  countries: Europe: United Kingdom
Site specifications

coordinate system/grid data:
Climate and environmental data

climate related data:

environmental data:
### Biological data

**biological data origin:**

| organism group addressed | water birds, fish, macro-invertebrates (Mollusca, Crayfish, Crabs, Ephemeroptera, Odonata, Plecoptera, Trichoptera, Chironomidae), macroalgae |

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Sample specifications/sample resolution

water birds:
sample information:
taxonomic resolution:
taxonomic coding:
sample specifications:

fish:
sample information:
taxonomic resolution:
taxonomic coding:
sample specifications:

macro-invertebrates:
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**Other specifications**

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