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Discovering iRecord

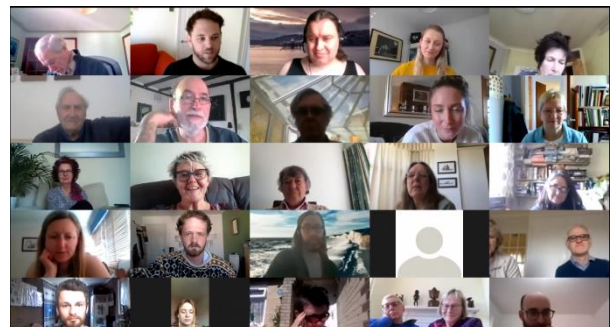| Date	Module 1	Level	Course fee*
Wed 06 May 2020	Introduction to Biological Recording & iRecord	Beginner	£20 for access to Modules 1-3
Date Wed 13 May 2020	Module 2 Submitting Records and iRecord Activities		
Date Wed 20 May 2020	Module 3 Verification and Exploring iRecord data		

* This course is heavily subsidised by the FSC BioLinks project

Biological recording is the activity of recording information on where a living organism, habitat or community is found, when it was seen and by whom. Biological records inform species monitoring, research, conservation and policy, as well as helping to engage the public with nature and developing survey and identification skills in those undertaking this activity.

iRecord is a FREE tool created by the Biological Record Centre to support naturalists and biological recording schemes and societies. It facilitates the submission of biological records into the complicated network of organisations that make up the UK's biological recording community. It is an ever-evolving platform with many features and an ever-expanding userbase, including over 700 registered record verifiers that contribute their taxon-specific expertise into the verification system of iRecord.

Discovering iRecord is a brand new virtual training course from the FSC BioLinks project that aims to give those new to iRecord (or those existing users that struggle with the platform) a beginner's introduction to the basic features of the platform and instill them with confidence when using iRecord to submit biological records.

The course consists of three weekly modules, beginning with a 90 minute live virtual session (hosted via Zoom) from 14:30-16:00 each Wednesday. Learning materials for the course will be sent by email following the first live virtual session and weekly assignments will be set (participants should aim to complete these prior to the following live session and expect them to take 60-90 minutes each week).
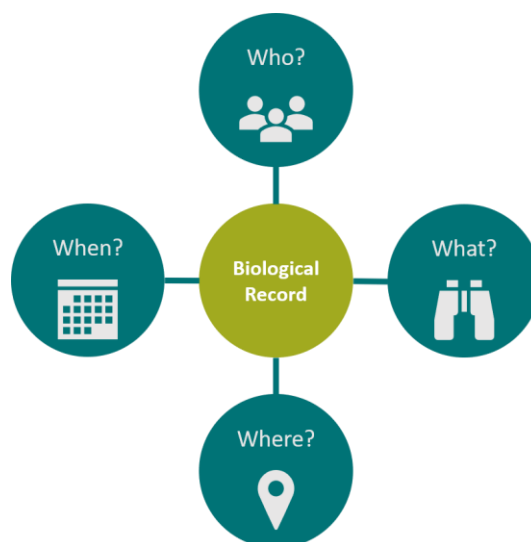

A certificate of course completion will be sent to any participants that successfully complete all the assignments.

Timetable

Pre-course: You will be sent instructions for accessing the first live session and asked to complete a pre-course registration survey.

Module 1: Introduction to Biological Recording & iRecord
- 14:30-16:00   Wed 6th May 2020   Live Session 1 – This session will cover What is a biological record?, The importance of biological recording, an introduction to iRecord and a site tour of the iRecord website.
- Access to course learning materials
  - Field Studies Guidance Note: Biological Recording
  - Field Studies Guidance Note: Grid References
  - A guide to using iRecord [Version 3] Document
- Module 1 assignment worksheets
  - 1.1: Getting started with iRecord
  - 1.2: Sign up to the 'Discovering iRecord' activity
  - 1.3: FSC Biodiversity Online Forum

Module 2: Submitting Records and iRecord Activities
- 14:30-16:00   Wed 13th May 2020   Live Session 2 - This session will cover Data flow, Photos and what to include in a record, Submitting a record iRecord demo and Bespoke forms and activities (including an iRecord site tour).
- Module 2 assignment worksheets
  - 2.1: Garden Birdwatch
  - 2.2 (optional): Earthworm recording
  - 2.3 (optional): PoMs Fit Count

Module 3: Verification and Exploring iRecord data
- 14:30-16:00   Wed 20th May 2020   Live Session 3 - This session will cover Verification, Exploring iRecord data and Downloading iRecord data (including iRecord site demos)
- Module 3 assignment worksheets
  - 3.1: Exploring iRecord Data
  - 3.2: Downloading data
  - 3.3 (optional): Verification query

Post-course: You will be sent a post-course survey and a certificate of course completion (upon completion of the course assignments).

About the Tutor

Keiron Derek Brown is passionate about biological recording and making data accessible. He developed, and now manages, the FSC BioLinks project and in his spare time is the Chair of the Ecology & Entomology committee of London Natural History Society and national recorder for earthworms (running the National Earthworm Recording Scheme on behalf of the Earthworm Society of Britain).

Keiron is an advocate of the iRecord platform and uses it both personally for collating his own records and professionally for managing data gathered through his various work and volunteer activities. This has included working with iRecord to create the Earthworm iRecord Form and setting up several local groups with iRecord activities to help them manage their data.

How to Book

We are pleased to offer this trial run of this course at the heavily subsidised rate of £20. Spaces are limited so we have made the decision to limit promotion of this course to specific individuals that we feel would benefit from attending the course. Therefore, please do not share the booking details of this course without permission from the FSC BioLinks project team.

Spaces on this course should be booked through the FSC website: https://www.field-studies-council.org/shop/courses/discovering-irecord

Please note that this course is NOT listed in the usual FSC BioLinks course listings.

If you have any questions please contact us at biolinks@field-studies-council.org.

About FSC BioLinks

This course is an online training course focusing on developing digital skills at the beginner level and part of a structured pathway of training courses and events designed to train and support invertebrate recorders.

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