

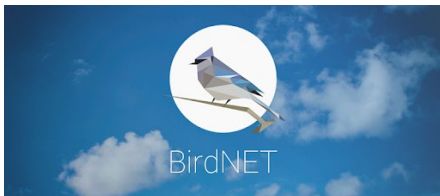
# Survey Skills

One amazing way to help us look after the wildlife at Walborough is by helping us find out what animals and plants live here. The better we understand what lives here, the better we can understand how to help protect them. You can help us with this and improve your wildlife identification at the same time by surveying wildlife as you explore the site. Below are some free apps that you can use to become a citizen scientist and survey wildlife.



## **iNaturalist**

iNaturalist is a free app that allows you to upload photographs of any plant, animal or fungi and the app will then try to help you identify what it is you have seen. If it can't work it out, it will give you some suggestions and then the community of users are able to comment and suggest an identification. iNaturalist will also then log your photo as an official wildlife recording so people can use your record when studying the species or location. Its also a fantastic way to quickly improve your naturalist skills.



## **BirdNet**

BirdNet is a fantastic app that allows you to record bird noises and will try to work out what species of bird it is. As long as you have an internet connection the app will try to give you a prediction and will also log the sound as a wildlife recording just like iNaturalist.

## **Citizen Science projects to get involved with:**

### **The RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch**

Every year, over the course of weekend in late January, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds organises the Big Garden Birdwatch. Spend an hour in your garden, park or at Walborough nature reserve, counting the birds that you see. There is lots of information on the RSPB website on how to get involved and how to identify the birds you might spot.

### **City Nature Challenge**

The City Nature Challenge is a global competition that takes place every year between cities all over the world to see who can record the most wildlife using the iNaturalist app. Just download the app and and start taking taking photos!

### **The Big Butterfly Count**

Every July and August, Butterfly Conservation run a large butterfly monitoring project called the Big Butterfly Count. Download their free app or print off your own survey sheets from the website and spend just 15 minutes counting the butterflies you see.

