



Wiltshire & Swindon Biological Records Centre

River Monitoring Scheme

**Monthly Recording Form**

Monitor:

River:

Date:

Grid reference of 500m stretch:

Time:

Upstream.....

Start.....

Downstream.....

Finish.....

**ANIMALS:**

**Mammals** – Please indicate whether the record was a sighting of the species or if you noted signs of its presence. If signs please indicate what they were e.g. droppings, burrow, foot print etc

English Name	Species	Signs	Sighting	Notes
Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>			
Mink	<i>Mustela vison</i>			
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>			
Water Shrew	<i>Neomys fodiens</i>			
Water Vole	<i>Arvicola terrestris</i>			

**Birds** – Please indicate if the species was identified by sight or sound

English Name	Scientific Name	Seen	Heard	Notes
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			
Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			



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Fish

English Name	Scientific Name	Present?	Notes
Brook Lamprey	<i>Lampetra planeri</i>		
Bullhead	<i>Cottus gobio</i>		
Salmon/Brown Trout	<i>Salmo sp.</i>		

Crustacean (non-native)

English Name	Scientific Name	Present?	Notes
Signal Crayfish	<i>Pacifasticus leniusculus</i>		

**PLANTS**

Non-native invasive

English Name	Scientific Name	Present?	Notes (e.g. extent, left/right bank)
Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzium</i>		
Himalayan Balsam	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>		
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>		

In-channel vegetation

English Name	Scientific Name	Present?	% cover			
Water crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus spp</i>		0-25	25-50	50-75	75-100
Starwort	<i>Callitriche spp</i>		0-25	25-50	50-75	75-100
Water milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spp</i>		0-25	25-50	50-75	75-100
Pondweeds	<i>Potamogeton spp</i>		0-25	25-50	50-75	75-100



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OTHERS

Within the general vicinity of your 500m stretch please look for the following

Road black spots for otters – If known or suspected provide details of known casualties, date, grid reference, description of black spot

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Pollution incidents – If observed (e.g. water contamination from oil, slurry etc, or fly tipping) provide photograph (if possible), description of offender, vehicle or machinery if observed

Grid ref (six-figure):.....

Were any of the following types of pollution evident?

Oil:.....Litter (paper, drinks containers, plastic etc.): .....  
Detergent/foam:..... Industrial dumping (oil drums etc.): .....  
Other coloured effluent: .....Other (please specify): .....

NOTES / SKETCHES/OTHER SPECIES