### **Biodiversity in our Burial Grounds**





'I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls the burial ground God's Acre' Henry Wadsworth Longfellow









#### Redwing and Hawfinch







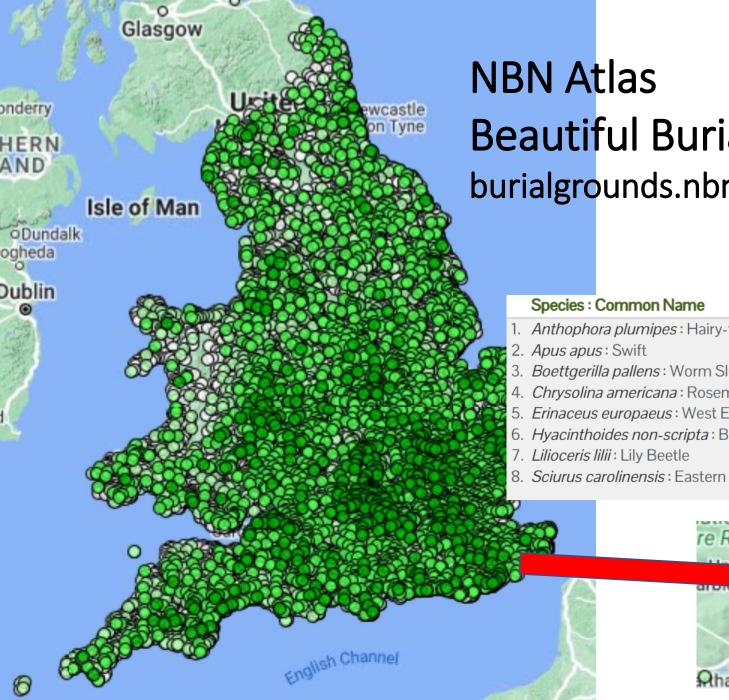




## **Common features**







# **Beautiful Burial Grounds** burialgrounds.nbnatlas.org

	Species : Common Name	Records
1.	Anthophora plumipes : Hairy-footed Flower Bee	1
2.	Apus apus : Swift	2
3.	Boettgerilla pallens : Worm Slug	1
4.	Chrysolina americana : Rosemary Beetle	1
5.	Erinaceus europaeus : West European Hedgehog	1
6.	Hyacinthoides non-scripta : Bluebell	1
7.	Lilioceris lilii : Lily Beetle	1
8.	Sciurus carolinensis : Eastern Grey Squirrel	1



## **Top Five!**

- Newcastle Under Lyme cemetery 3,985
- Ware Cemetery, St Albans 2,300
- St Wilfrid churchyard, Blackburn 1,356
- Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol 1,133
- Welford Rd Cemetery, Leicester 1,083



## Places for people and wildlife









## Using iNaturalist

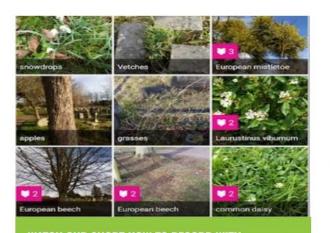


#### We would love to know what wildlife you see - how to add your records

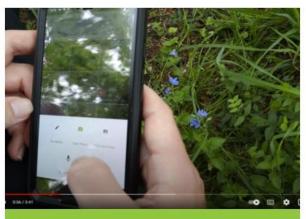
We encourage all beginner recorders and anyone using a smartphone to try using iNaturalist. It is a fun and easy way to add records and it even helps you identify what you have seen. We have our own project where your records will go, and will eventually appear on the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas, where they will be freely available to anyone interested in the biodiversity of their local burial ground.

You can also submit records to us via email or post if you would prefer. You can download a PDF form to use or a Word version here.





WATCH OUR SHORT HOW-TO RECORD WITH INATURALIST VIDEO



USING INATURALIST TO RECORD SPECIES IN A BURIAL GROUND

### **Churches Count on Nature**

Citizen science Public engagement Create biological records







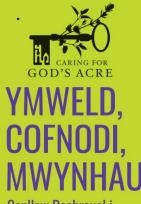
Love Your Burial Ground Week National Cemeteries Week 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### **Cemeteries Count on Nature**



### Resources

Starter Guide Fold-out Chart Pack of Children's Activities



Canllaw Dechreuol i Dreftadaeth a Bywyd Gwyllt Safleoedd Claddu









The male blackbird has black feathers, a bright yellow beak and a yellow ring around its eye. They are about 25cm in length and can be seen hopping or running along the ground. They cock their heads to one side to listen for worms. The female is slightly smaller than the male and is brown, she doesn't have the distinctive yellow features of the male. With its bright red breast, the robin is familiar throughout the year. Males and females look identical at about 14cm long, and young birds have no red breast and are spotted with golden brown. Robins sing nearly all year round and despite their friendly appearance, they are aggressively territorial and are quick to drive away intruders.

BIRDS

**Find out more** about birds search for the RSPB online, there are also various apps available to help learn and identify bird song.



## So Far – 2021, 2022 & 2023



Approximately 24,000 people involved

Over 25,000 records submitted, about 75% plants

Top scorers	
Trees	Yew
Flowers	Daisy
Mammals	Squirrel
Birds	Blackbird
Invertebrates	Speckled Wood

## What do participants think?



#### 89% love it and definitely want to do this again

#### 75% are new to this activity

#### 59% are interested in volunteering, 21% undecided

\* Data from the Beautiful Burial Ground project 2022, 1068 individuals responded

### Carbon storage



Mature soils Rich grassland Trees



