

# Biodiversity in our Burial Grounds







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











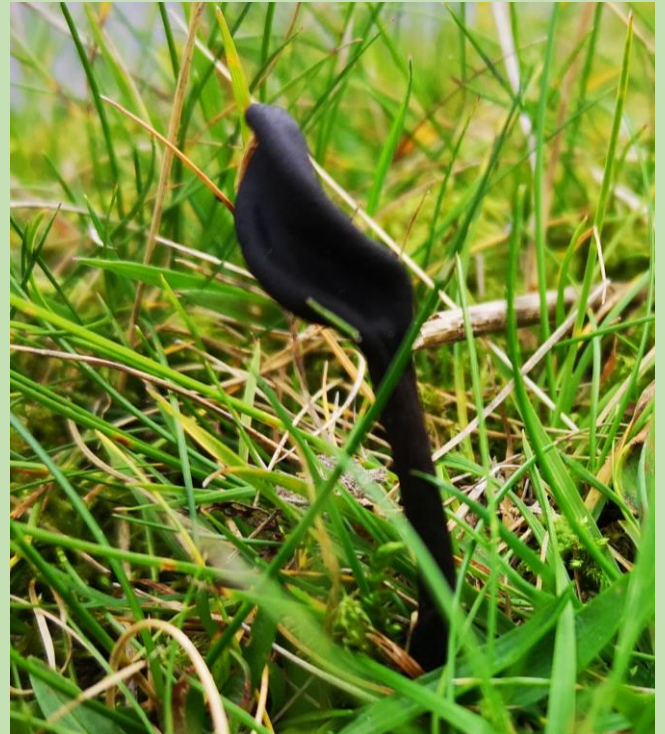


Redwing and Hawfinch







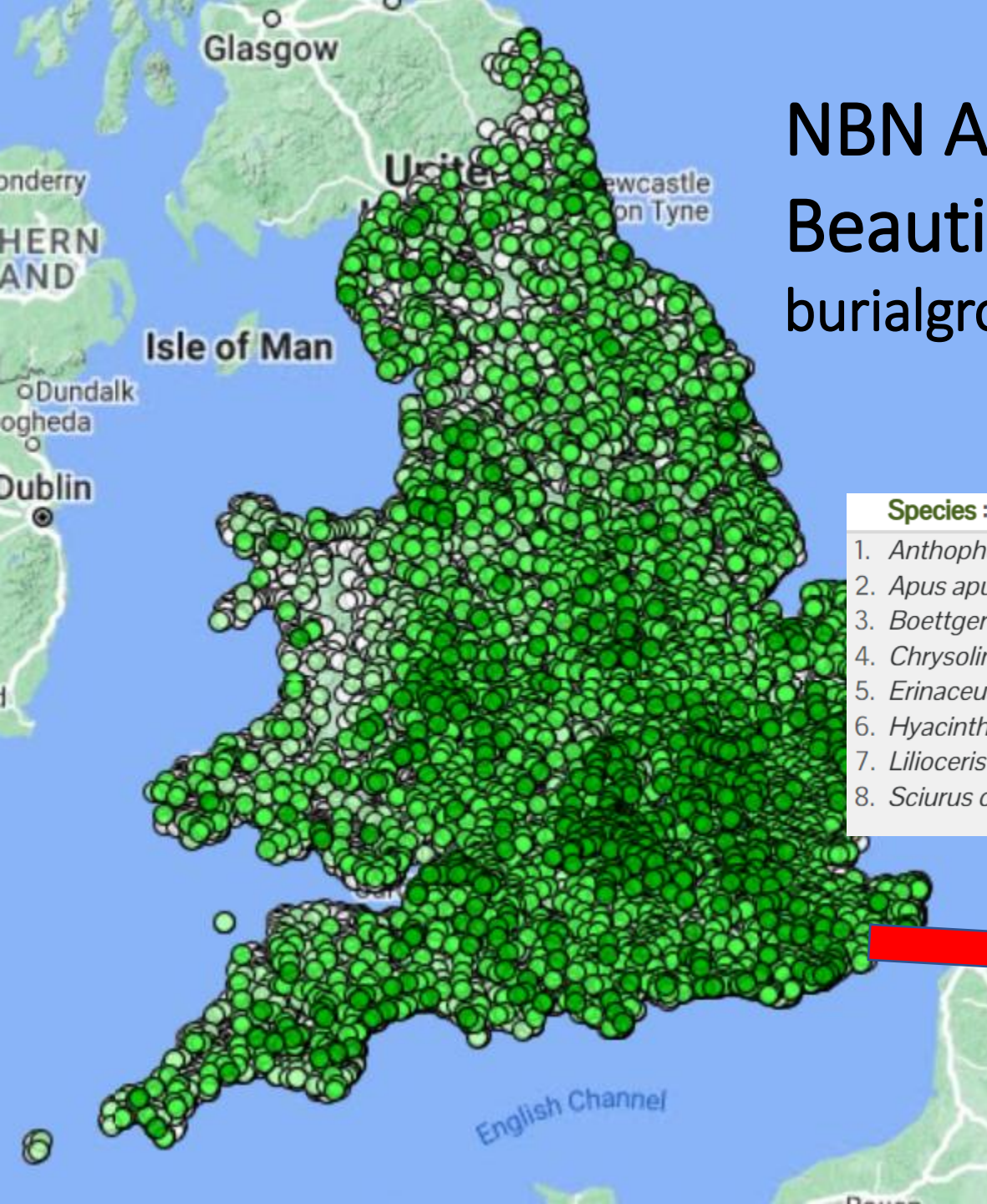




# Common features







# NBN Atlas

## Beautiful Burial Grounds

[burialgrounds.nbnatlas.org](http://burialgrounds.nbnatlas.org)

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



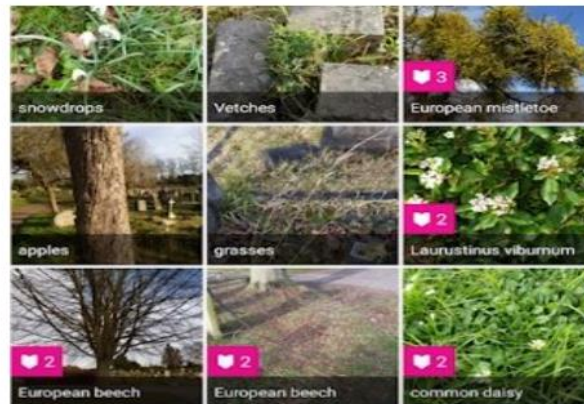
## We would love to know what wildlife you see – how to add your records

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.

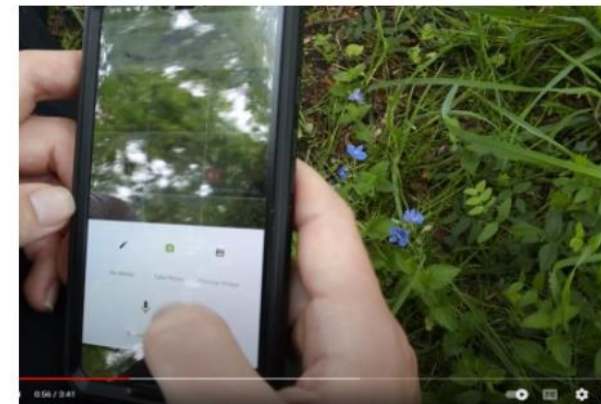
You can also [submit records to us via email or post](#) if you would prefer. You can [download a PDF form to use](#) or a [Word version here](#).



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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



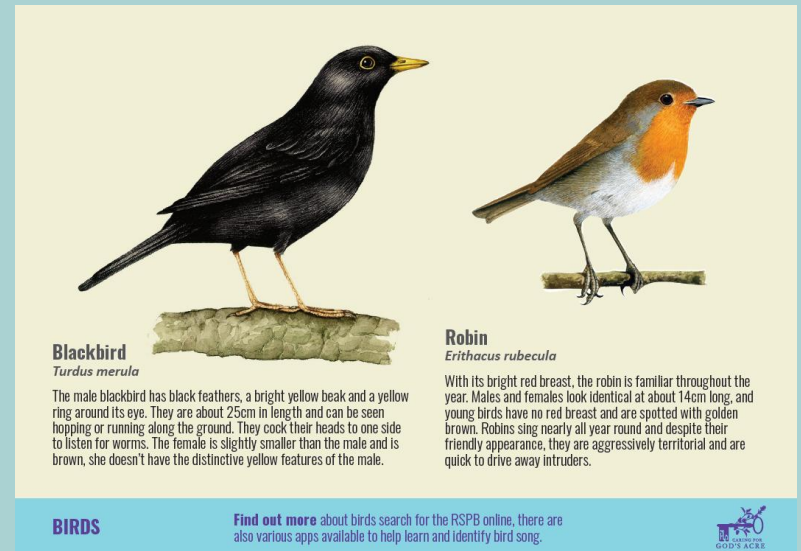
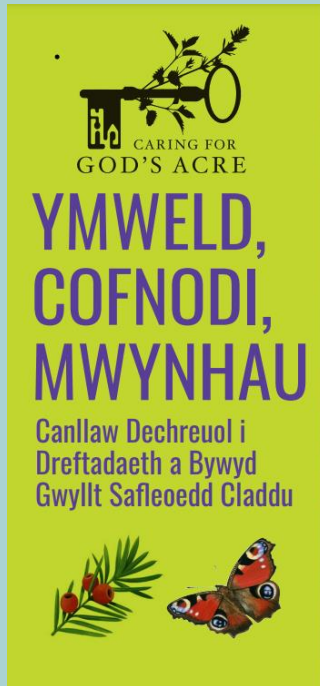


# Resources

Starter Guide

Fold-out Chart

Pack of Children's Activities





# 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





