



Polli-night-ors



Recording sheet

What sort of **area** is your house in?

Town/City	Suburb	Rural
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Where are you recording?

A window (garden-facing) <i>approx. 1hr</i>	By outside light <i>10 min</i>	Garden walk <i>10 min</i>	Focal plant <i>10 min</i>	Other
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How many insects did you see?

Week #	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Weather	Clear / cloudy	Clear / cloudy	Clear / cloudy	Clear / cloudy
Moth Large Medium Small				
Fly (Bluebottle / hoverfly-shaped)				
Fly (mosquito / midge-shaped)				
Beetle / weevil				
Wasp				
Bee *				
Other (try and ID, or photograph if possible)				

* Not generally nocturnal pollinators, but can be found resting at night in flowers.



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The Buzz Club is developing a project looking at nocturnal pollinators, and as part of this we are asking members to get to know the insects that are active around their houses at night. You don't need to invest in moth trapping kit either – there are several easy places to look after sundown.

We would like you to look **once a week** for a month / 4 weeks, ideally over **August**. If you want to do more than this, that's great – you'll just need to print more than one record sheet, and please make a note of your dates.

Similarly, if you want to do more than one place (e.g. on a window, and a garden walk), then please print a separate sheet for each. It will make the data handling at our end much easier!

Places to look

 **On a garden-facing window.** Leave a curtain open and a light on, and see what lands on the window, attracted by the light. This is a more passive search, so we suggest keeping an eye on the window over the course of **an hour** (e.g. check every 10 min).

 By an **outside light**. Insects will be attracted to and around outside lamps (e.g. security lights), so you can stand nearby and observe visitors. We suggest doing this for **10 minutes**.

 On a **garden walk**. Take a torch and walk slowly around the garden with the beam in front of you. See what you spot flying across the light. **10 minutes**.

 On a **focal plant**. Pick a plant that should be attractive to night insects – pale flowers and strong scent are good indicators, such as jasmine or honeysuckle. Using a torch, see what insects you find visiting the flowers. **10 minutes**.

Make a note of what you see, either using a notebook or the recording sheet overleaf. Since it will be dark and the insects might be moving quickly, we've included quite general categories (e.g. 'large moth' or 'midge-like fly'). If you are able to get a better look or take a photo that's great, but don't worry if you can't.

This project is intended to get an idea of abundances, and get members familiar with their visitors. We aren't aiming for a detailed species-level survey. There is excellent UK-wide work being done by specialist recorders that cover night-flying insects – particularly Butterfly Conservation's "Moth Count" – and we don't want to double up effort; so if you would like to try identifying your moths in particular in more detail, we recommend checking out <http://www.mothscount.org>.



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