



Polli-Nightors: Walk



Instructions

Welcome to the 2022 version of Polli-Nightors, the Buzz Club project focusing on nocturnal pollinators. This year we are looking specifically at what sort of invertebrates we can find **on plants** at night (mostly on the **flowers**). We spotted some interesting nocturnal visitors to flowers in previous years, so we are going to focus on that for this year. You don't need special equipment to take part, but you will need to have some plants outside to do the observations on.



The aim of this year's 'Polli-Nightors: Walk' is to walk around your garden after sunset with a **torch** (and ideally a **camera**), and check on any **flowering plants** that are present. Record any **invertebrates** spotted on the plants, and if they are doing anything obvious (e.g. actively feeding).

You can use the recording sheet below (print as many as you need) or a notebook. Returns of data to the project will be **by email** to buzzclub.uk@gmail.com; either monthly or all at the end of the project, depending on what works best for you.

Try to identify the insects in as much detail as you can – but if you don't recognise a species, a more general identification (such as 'beetle') is fine! Please **take photos** if you can, as that will help us to verify species identifications, since this can be tricky for many groups of invertebrates.

The aim is to do a Polli-Nightors: Walk **once a week** during spring and summer (May – September), ideally after a clear day (not after heavy rain). Don't worry if you can't do *every* week; just do as many as you can.

Example of recording sheet:

Date of each recording: (write)		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Approx. time of recording: (write)		04/06/2022			
Weather during recording (circle)		Clear / cloudy Warm / cold			

Insects seen (in counts / tallies). Please take photographs if you can!

Week #	Type of invertebrate seen & how many? (e.g. ladybird x2)	Plant found on & on which part (e.g. dandelion, flower)	Invertebrate activity (Was it doing something, e.g. feeding, or resting)	Photo taken? (yes / no)
1	7 spot ladybird x2	Spear thistle; flower	Resting	Yes (email)
1	Woodlice x 3	Ragwort, leaves	Moving around	Yes (email)
1	Large moth	Flying around; near thistle	Flying	No

