



## Bedfordshire Bat Group Record Sheet

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Date	Location	6 Figure Grid Ref	Species	How identified	Other comments Roost type/location, activity etc.

Please return completed forms to Ann De Winter, 142 Bedford Road, Barton-Le-Cley Bedfordshire, MK45 4LR. More forms from her or click on report bat sightings link on homepage of [www.bedsbatgroup.org.uk](http://www.bedsbatgroup.org.uk)



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**All records are useful, but some records are more useful than others**” as George Orwell might have said. The table below may help you to make the most of your observations. Every record helps us get a better idea of bat distribution in Bedfordshire, so we can give better advice to planners and consultants.

If you need more record sheets, contact Ann or download more from the website (click on the record sheet link on the home page) or just write your records on a piece of paper or e-mail them to us. We are trying out this form for the first time this year and it may not be altogether clear what is wanted- the note which follow may clarify things

Date	Dd/mm/yy is best, “2 <sup>nd</sup> week in June 2006” is OK, month and year is better than nothing,
Site address including postcode	The postcode helps us locate an address if you don’t have a grid ref. If it’s a long road, try to give us an indication of where on the road it is (e.g. Good Intention Street, halfway between Hell and High-water). If it’s in woodland give us the name of the wood and an idea of where by describing nearby landmarks. (Maulden Wood is a big place)
6 Figure Grid Ref	Please supply a six-figure grid reference if you can, as this is incredibly useful information. <i>Guidance on reading 6 figure references is given on the website.</i>
Species	<b>All records are useful;</b> it doesn’t matter if you can’t identify the bat to species. If you have some idea, let us know use (?) for probably and (??) for just maybe. E.g. “Pipistrelle” “ Myotis sp”, “wasn’t a Pipistrelle” are all useful comments, No idea? Just record it as “unidentified bat” It may reassure you to know that identifying bats to species level can be extremely difficult
How identified	How did you reach your conclusion? E.g. flight pattern, droppings, bat detector, sonogram analysis visual inspection and noticeable features –e.g. size, colouration, feeding remains name tattooed on back of neck. Photographic evidence <i>You can find information on how to recognise some species from their flight pattern, droppings or from bat detectors from the web.</i> For bat detectors please specify type and model (e.g. Bat Box III, Magenta, Peterson D240x (time expansion). If you have a recording, we can try to help you identify what you’ve got
Other comments	Anything you think is useful e.g. <b>Habitat details</b> - on a canal towpath, in woodland, on a field edge, in a tree, in a church, <b>Roost details</b> - could you see where it was? The more detail the better e.g. “under the soffit boards at the front of the house”... and do you know for sure what sort of roost it is (you may well not) <b>Numbers</b> if you do a count let us know. An estimate is also useful e.g.“3 or 4”, “20ish”, “more than 30”. If you count on a regular/semiregular basis we’d be interested to see your results. If we haven’t left you enough space, just carry on into the next row.

Thanks for taking an active part in bat conservation