

Record Makers Report - part 1

We promised to report back on what happened with species recording during Lockdown 1.0 when many of us took a pause and perhaps found ourselves with a little more time to enjoy watching nature, make notes on our observations and to share those encounters with others.

The following is an interim report based on data submitted to online biological recording platforms iRecord and iNaturalist. Once all the IWNHAS data from this year has been received and recorded in MapMate, there will be a follow-up report in Spring 2021.

We have based this report on records made from the first day of Lockdown 1.0 (23rd March 2020) to the day that shielding ended (31st July 2020).



During Lockdown 1.0....

12,436 wildlife observations were made on the Isle of Wight via iNaturalist and iRecord

There were over **1,000** more species records generated than during the same period in **2019**

(10,200 records generated in 2020 / 9,000 records generated in 2019)



Insects were the most recorded group

Within that group
- **Butterflies** were the most recorded, followed by **Moths** then **Dragonflies**



Birds were the 2nd most recorded group, with the **Wren** topping the recording charts



Flowering Plants came in 3rd with the **Pyramidal Orchid** - our County Flower being the species most recorded



The **Meadow Brown Butterfly** was the most recorded species in iRecord appearing 676 times

Picture: Keith Marston

Red Campion was the most recorded species in iNaturalist appearing 11 times

