



Highland
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Searches on the HBRG taxon database

The Highland Biological Recording Group (HBRG) holds the main database for taxa *other than higher plants and birds* for Highland, comprising almost 167,000 taxon records. The data are held on Recorder 6 and a custom MS Access database, and includes almost all the records previously submitted to the Inverness Museum & Art Gallery and held on their old Recorder 3.3 database.

HBRG taxon records are available to the public freely, and most are accessible through NBN Gateway. Murdo Macdonald will undertake searches on behalf of HBRG in specified areas of search, and will charge a fee for the search. Any additional work (analysis, interpretation etc.) will incur additional charges at normal commercial rates.

Provision of data by HBRG is neutral. HBRG must not be regarded, either explicitly or implicitly, as approving or opposing any client project informed by our data.

HBRG makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of records held in the database, but cannot be held responsible for errors, nor for any advice based on interpretation or analysis by others. Enquiries about individual records should be addressed to the Database Manager.

Conditions for data searches:

- * A charge will be made for the search - data are free.
- * A simple search will be charged at £45.00.
- * A search in an extended area, or where an area is fragmented, may attract a higher charge. A quote will be provided on application.
- * As the charge is for the search, no advance guarantee is given that any relevant taxon records will be returned.
- * The client will be invoiced when the data are supplied.
- * Settlement of fees is requested within 30 days of invoicing.
- * The resolution of the data provided will be at the level stored except where the data owner has requested otherwise, or where there is good conservation reason to withhold full location data.
- * Area of search should be supplied by the client as either: a polygon drawn on a 1:50000 or better map with OSNGR gridlines shown at 1km intervals; as a central NGR with radius of search; or as a GIS file (.shp, .ntf, .mif, .bna).
- * Areas of search will normally be defined at a resolution of 1km, rounding to maximise the area covered.
- * Results will be supplied as a file in MS Excel or other electronic format to be specified at the time of order.
- * Records referring to European Protected Species, UK BAP species, species listed in the Wildlife and Countryside Act Schedules, and species on the Scottish Biodiversity List will be flagged.
- * The absence of a taxon from the list will not imply its absence in the area of search.
- * The Highland Biological Recording Group should be acknowledged as a data source in any report or publication.