

The **UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme (PoMS)** is looking for volunteers across the UK to help with surveying in 2019. Insects and other animals pollinate almost 90% of the world's flowering plants, but there is concern that pollinators are declining. The UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme has been set up to gather evidence to inform research and conservation of the insects that provide such an important service.

PoMS seeks the help of volunteers to collect data on pollinating insects, to help inform their conservation. There are two ways to get involved:

1. Carry out a 10-minute Flower-Insect Timed Count. Anyone can take part between April and September, at any location where there are flowers and insects. Full details, short videos and identification guides are at www.ceh.ac.uk/pollinator-monitoring.
2. A smaller group of volunteers is required to help with the systematic surveying of random sites across England, Scotland and Wales. This involves 'adopting' a 1km survey square, meeting on site with a PoMS team member and visiting the square on three further occasions during summer to collect insects with water-filled pan traps. **Find out more by watching the video at the above website, and if you'd like to volunteer please email poms@ceh.ac.uk.**

In NE Scotland, PoMS is currently still looking for volunteers for survey of 1km squares in sites 163 and 86 (red squares on the map below). 86 is an easy access site in Anagach Woods adjacent to Grantown-on-Spey (NJ0327). 163 is slightly more challenging as it sits on Bogmore Hill in Pitfichie Forest (NJ6415). It can be walked, but also might suit somebody either with a 4x4 or a willing mountain biker. The tracks are decent forestry tracks, and PoMS can arrange a key for vehicular access with Scottish Forestry, if required.

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