

Identifying Difficult Invertebrates



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Giving Nature A Home Glasgow

Creating a Wild Space in your City



Objectives:

Giving nature a home in Glasgow

Connecting Children and young people with nature in Glasgow

Increasing involvement of Glaswegians in active support for nature in the city and for the RSPB



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Collecting Invertebrates



- Explore different habitats
- Learn which invertebrates to collect in the field.
- Useful for knowing the species that need to be collected as voucher specimens/ need to be identified in the lab.

Identifying



- Knowing the groups that are hard to identify.
- Using specific keys and the microscope to identify difficult groups.
- Highlighted inaccuracies in recording and ways to

Preparing Voucher Specimens



- Why
 - Specialist Identification
- Uses
 - Museum Collection
 - Proof of ID
 - ID at a higher level
- How
 - Collection pots

Invertebrate Recording Schemes



- I have worked with the local recorders in Glasgow for the last few years, organising Bioblitzes and giving in casual records.
- This course made me more confident with using I-record and knowing when to contact specialist to identify species.

Using and Building on these skills



- More understanding about specimen collecting
- I know the level of identification needed for recording.
- Know how to use keys to ID difficult invertebrates.

Thank you!

