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About us

The Yorkshire Naturalists' Union is devoted to the study and recording of Yorkshire's wildlife and is one of the country's oldest wildlife organisations. We celebrated our 150th anniversary in 2011

We have over 400 individual members and lead a federation of Yorkshire natural history societies



About our work

We study all wildlife species, including plants, mammals, birds, insects and fungi found in Yorkshire – from nature reserves and city centres to the seashore

We encourage the study of natural history in Yorkshire

We hold outdoor field meetings, wildlife surveys and run activities and talks for all abilities

The results from our surveys are used to support conservation in Yorkshire

We welcome new members and share our skills



"Yorkshire has a stunning and diverse coastline. I love exploring the shores with fellow YNU members, whose interests cover a wide variety of marine and coastal wildlife - from the plants and lichens on the clifftops to the fishes hiding in the rockpools."

Paula Lightfoot

The benefits of joining

- Three copies of our journal The Naturalist each year
- Annual copies of the Yorkshire Bird Report and the Butterflies and Moths Report, which list the species found throughout Yorkshire
- Opportunities to use and improve survey techniques at indoor and outdoor events
- Opportunities to meet like-minded naturalists at events throughout the year including at our annual conference
- Buy books produced by members at reduced price
- Access to our library
- Learn new wildlife watching skills or improve existing ones

More information

- YNU is a partner with a number of national societies including Buglife, Butterfly Conservation and the National Forum for Biological Recording
- Our records are made available through the National Biodiversity Network. They include over one million moth records for the National Moth Recording Scheme
- Yorkshire has the highest count of bird species of any UK county

"I joined as a young student and was elected president as I retired! It's been great to combine a hobby interest in nature with making new, likeminded friends, and doing something so useful as the YNU's work."

Roger Key



"I've been doing this now for 40 years and it's a joy to be able to show new enthusiasts, of all ages, just how diverse our environment is and how to record what's living out there."

John Newbould