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"The Naturalist"

I have recently been going through the early volumes of "The Naturalist", the organ of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, partly to check that all the records from our locality were extracted by a Job Creation Team in 1977 (I have found a few which they missed) and partly because I have recently taken over as Yorkshire recorder for the Hymenoptera Parasitica and I wanted to check that all the relevant records had been extracted (and I found a few of those as well). Although "The Naturalist" is a Yorkshire publication it is a "Journal of Natural History for the North of England" and contains many records from Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire as well as Yorkshire and the northern counties. Curators in these counties who are collecting biological records will presumably regard "The Naturalist" as a primary source of information and will have extracted the records for their own areas. Curators in other parts of the British Isles may not realise that the earlier volumes, in particular, contain information from most parts of the country, and in my browsing I have noticed records from most of the counties in the South of England as well as from Wales, Scotland and Ireland, not to mention the Continent, North America, Ceylon, Rodriguez, Australia The information varies from complete articles on 'The Flora of East Somerset' and 'A Collecting Expedition to the New Forest' through short notes on '*Sphinx convolvuli* at Brighton' and 'Salisbury plants' to reports of specimens exhibited at society meetings or reported in correspondence. I have made a note of each article or record as I have noticed it, and the following list is a guide to the references:-

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As I read through subsequent volumes of "The Naturalist" I am continuing to make a note of the "foreign" records and will produce a second instalment for the newsletter, but I should like some guidance on how to deal with the information after that. Among the possibilities are:-

1. I can continue to publish the records in this form;
2. I can publish a more condensed version e.g. - Kent Vol. 1 p.10, 28-9, 60, 73, 75 etc.
3. I can extract the information and send it to those curators who request it.
4. I can assume that I have primed the pump sufficiently and you will all rush to get hold of a full run of the journal to read through yourselves, and I can forget it.

I would welcome some feedback on the most useful way of presenting this information in the future.

If you have found this list of records useful maybe you would like to do the same for your local/regional journal, or one of the national ones. There are vast numbers of biological records in the journals dealing with conchology, arachnology, entomology, botany etc. and none of us has the time to check them all. Between us we could make a start on it.

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London foxes

Fox-watch is the latest project to be organized by the London Wildlife Trust, and aims to record all the foxes living in or commuting to the Greater London area. The results will not only aid conservation but will be vitally important if rabies is ever brought into this country. The Trust also hopes to be able to find one good fox site which can be set aside specially for the study of foxes. Anyone living in the Greater London area can join in the Fox-watch by getting in touch with Fox-watch, 52 Browns Road, Walthamstow, London E17.

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