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# Sources of Biological Records

## "The Naturalist"

(Part 2)

I have had a small amount of feedback concerning the preferred format for this information, the most useful being an offer from Kenneth Watt to prepare computer-generated indices. The result is a much improved list which I hope will prove easier to use

"The Naturalist" changed in several ways with Volume 10. Both editors handed over to new ones and the period of publication was changed - Vol. 10 ran for eighteen months, to the end of 1885, and subsequent ones coincided with the calendar years. The following references have been abbreviated, and the dates are as follows:-

Vol. 10 (p1-114)	1884
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While the earlier editions had contained information of wide geographical origin, the later ones concentrated more on the wildlife of the northern counties. These records were indexed at the end of each volume, and in addition each volume contained one or more bibliographies of northern natural history.

The "foreign" records from the South and Midlands of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland became rather fewer in number. These are presented here in three indices - obituary, taxonomy and locality. In the taxonomic index the name of the country has been abbreviated - E (England), CI (Channel Islands), I (Ireland), S (Scotland) and W (Wales).

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An Atlas of Oxfordshire Dragonflies by J. M. Campbell. Occasional Paper No. 3. Oxfordshire Museums 1983. £1.05 (+ 35p by post)

An Atlas of Oxfordshire Amphibians and Reptiles by J. Coldrey and J. M. Campbell. Occasional Paper No. 4. 85p (+ 30p by post)

Hot follow-ups to their first two atlases, the Oxfordshire Biological Recording Scheme folks have just produced two more publications, both on subjects which are close to my heart. Once again, the tetrad maps are a bit thin, but the large number of post-1979 and post-1980 records respectively indicate that recording work in the county is pretty hot. Each map is accompanied by notes on historical and current distribution and some habitat correlations which I found particularly interesting for comparison with my own counties. Recommended to anyone interested in British Odonata, reptiles or amphibians, local recording schemes as well as naturalists visiting Oxfordshire.

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