

Metadata statement for the CPERC species data holdings
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Summary:

CPERC holds records of species in numerous taxonomic groups including birds, mammals, fish, invertebrates, plants etc.

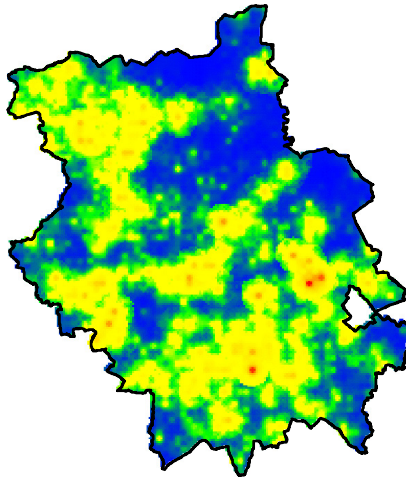
We currently hold over half a million records in our database. We aim to increase our data holdings and especially increase the numbers of records we hold for those taxonomic groups and species for which we are currently lacking.

Temporal Coverage:

CPERC holds data from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day, with the largest proportion of data collected in the 1990s and 2000s. Large datasets from significant recording groups within the county are received and updated annually.

Geographical Coverage:

CPERC holds data for the administrative areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The map below shows the distribution of records which we hold - red areas show the highest density and blue areas are where there are fewer records.



Quality of Records:

All records released to enquirers are validated and verified. That is to say that they have been checked for errors and assessed by relevant individuals with expert knowledge of the taxonomic groups involved.

Datasets not held by the records centre:

CPERC aims to be one stop shop for species records in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area. However, there may be datasets which CPERC does not currently hold. Enquirers will be informed of possible further sources of species records for particular taxonomic groups on request and when the results of data requests are received.