NBN Atlas: Searching by Location

Species records can be searched for by specific location. There are multiple methods for doing this on the NBN Atlas.

Searching Pre-Defined Areas

-One method is to select an area from an existing list. from the NBN Atlas homescreen, click 'Locations' in the top right, and select 'Explore by pre-defined area' (1).



-Select a region from the list on the left. These regions fall into three categories; National Parks, Ordnance Survey 100km Grids and Local Environmental Records Centre Boundaries **(2)**.

-Selecting an area from the list will cause it to be highlighted on the map on the right (3). Click 'Zoom to region' to focus the map on the selected area (4).

-To view species records in the selected area, click the highlighted area on the map.

Select a region to explore

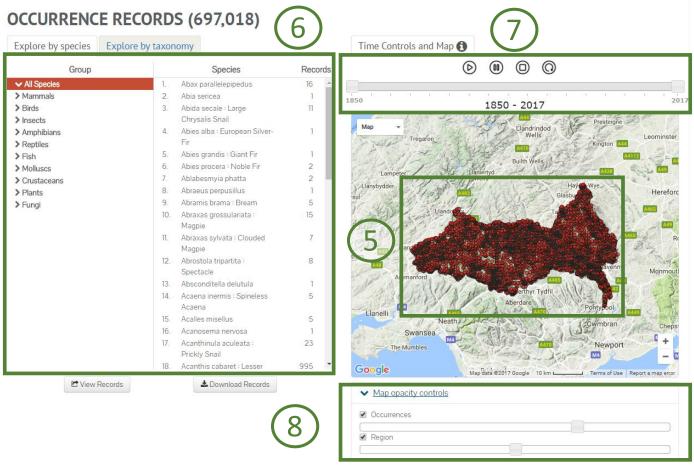
Select the type of region on the left. Click a name or click on the map to select a region. Use map controls or shift-drag with your mouse to zoom the map. Click the region button to explore occurrence records, images and documents associated with the region.







-By default, records for all species are displayed **(5)**, and are detailed on the left of the page **(6)**. Clicking on a species name will cause only records for that species to be displayed. The name of each species is listed next to the number of records available for that species in the selected area. You can select species groups on the left hand side.



-There are time controls above the map, which can be used to see how species have been recorded over time (7). Clicking the play button will cause the records on the map to be displayed by decade, in sequence. The timeline below the time controls will show the passage of time when the time controls are being used.

-By clicking '**Map opacity controls**' below the map, you can change the appearance of records and the selected area on the map **(8)**. The tick-boxes will whether or not they are displayed, and the sliders will alter their opacity.

Searching by Location

-Click 'Locations' in the top right of the NBN Atlas and select 'Explore by address, postcode or location' (1).

-On this map, records are displayed within the radius of a specific point **(9)**. Yellow points are those with few points, while red points have more **(10)**.

-To display records around a specific address or location, search for the location in the top left search bar **(11)**. The red pin on the map can also be moved by clicking and dragging, to alter the position of the search radius.





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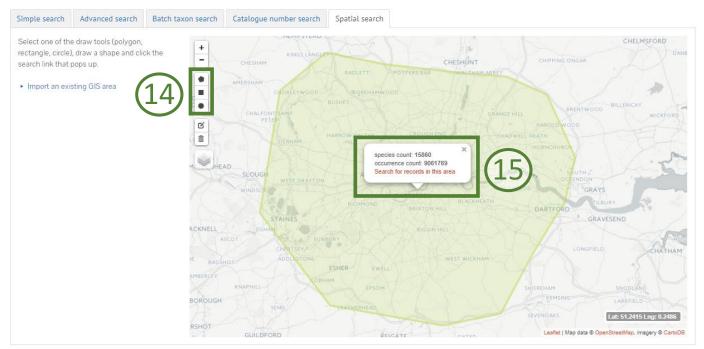
-To change the size of the search radius, select 1, 5 or 10km from the drop-down menu below the search bar **(12)**.

-As with the pre-defined areas, the species with records in the search area are listed on the left, next to the number of records for that species.

-Select a species or species group to display only those records. When a species is selected, options will appear below its name for viewing the species' information profile, or a list of all the displayed records **(13)**.

Searching by Polygon

-Click 'Locations' in the top right of the NBN Atlas, then select 'Search by Polygon'







-You will be presented with the 'Spatial Search' map. Use the drawing tools on the left of the map to draw an area in which to search for species records **(14)**. These tools will allow you to draw a circle, rectangle, or custom polygon on the map.

-Once the area has been drawn, a dialogue box will appear telling you the number of species and total number of records represented in that area. Click 'Search for records in this area' (15).

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-All species records within the area will be displayed. To view a list of all records, click the '**Records**' tab **(17)**. The displayed records can be filtered as needed.

-To search for individual species within a drawn area, please view the 'Viewing Species Information on a Map' page.

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