



FRIEND OR FOE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

Did you know that Glasgow Museums has an insect specialist who is happy to help identify the insects you find in your garden?

If you are worried about or just interested to know more about an insect you have seen in your allotment please get in touch.

You can e-mail or phone the Curator of Entomology to arrange an appointment to look at your specimen, or you can take your specimen into either Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery or the Glasgow Museums Resource Centre and mark it for her attention.

If you are happier taking digital photographs and submitting those they can be sent to the e-mail address given below. Please keep in mind that submitting real specimens is more likely to result in a more specific diagnosis.

Specimens should be sealed in a pot and labelled with when (date), where (name of allotment) and on what (plant species, in soil, under stone) you found your specimen/specimens and your name and contact details. Remember to use separate pots if you have more than one type of insect.

The details of your insects will be shared with our Local Biological Records Centre so that we have a more reliable picture of the distribution and frequency of garden insects and will be able to see how this distribution changes over time. The information you supply is accepted on the understanding that the data provided will be entered into a computerized database and will be used for nature conservation, research, education and public information. The information remains the property of the recorder at all times.

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