

Bio Blitz 2016

The club held its 5th recording bio blitz on Saturday 25th June at Secret Valley Wildlife Park, Clonroche, Co. Wexford at the invitation of the owner Ann O'Connor. As in previous years moth traps were set up the night before and some members checked the area for evidence of bats.

Ten members took part in recording on Saturday with a total of 378 species recorded. Four shieldbug species and two ladybird species were recorded in the hectad (10km square) for the first time thus adding to our knowledge of the distribution of these insects for the club's next publication. Plants *Potamogeton berchtoldii* Small Pondweed and *Nymphaea alba* White Water-lily were also new for the hectad.

All records will be passed on to the National Biodiversity Data Centre. These records, when validated, are added to the national biodiversity database and can be accessed at maps.biodiversityireland.ie

Thanks to everyone who helped with recording on the day and also to the staff at Secret Valley Wildlife Park.

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