The Pollinator Monitoring and Research Partnership (PMRP) is analysing existing insect records alongside new systematic survey data to measure how insect pollinator populations are changing across Britain. Two new surveys have been established to form a UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme (PoMS).

Can you help?

FIT Count: The “Flower-Insect Timed Count” is a simple survey, counting all the insects that visit a patch of target flowers during ten minutes. Insects are identified to broad groups (e.g. bumblebees, hoverflies etc.). You can do a FIT Count almost anywhere flowers grow: www.ceh.ac.uk/pollinator-monitoring

1km square surveys: This survey of pollinators and flower resources runs across a set of 75 one-km squares (see map), requiring four visits to each square across the summer. We’re seeking volunteers to ‘adopt’ a square near you (the red squares are currently available), and carry out pan-trapping and flower surveys. For more information please contact poms@ceh.ac.uk

More information and FIT Count Guides are available on the website: www.ceh.ac.uk/pollinator-monitoring

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