



Bat Roost Tree Tag Scheme



The primary purpose of the bat roost tree tag scheme



- is to ensure trees containing confirmed bat roosts are easily identifiable.

It will also bring clarity to those on the ground about those trees already identified as bat roosts that are difficult to find again.

Will give a significantly increased level of protection for bat roosts in trees.

Additionally



- The scheme provides an opportunity for tree roost and species records to be collected, both basic records and more comprehensive records.
- Comprehensive records if approved will feed into databases like Henry Andrews's work on the Bat Tree Habitat Key.
- If permission is granted records will be shared with the NBN Atlas, either under public access or enhanced access.

The bat roost tree tag



- Tag is 80 mm x 60 mm in size and 1.2 mm thick and is made of anodised aluminium.
- To be fixed in place with two 2.5 cm long aluminium nails that will be provided

When to use the tag?



- On confirmed tree roosts (maternity or hibernation, day or night or male roosts) where live bats, dead bats or bat droppings have been found.

Confirmation of the tree roost should be carried out by a professional or voluntary bat worker.

Tree roosts are likely to be identified from emergence and dawn counts, surveys of potential tree roost features using an endoscope and occasionally from radiotracking surveys.

The scheme provides the following....

- a Bat Roost Tree Tag guidance document
- a briefing note for woodland owners and managers
- a tag order form
- record forms for the submission of tree roost and species records
- a landowner permission form
- privacy notices (for surveyors and landowners)

Website



<https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/landscapes-for-bats/bats-and-woodland/bat-roost-tree-tag-scheme>

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Landowner permission form



Please see the associated briefing note for woodland owners and managers and the landowner privacy notice for more data sharing information.

Landowner's name & contact details

(phone number and email address)

Tree species	Tag number	Grid Reference

I have given permission to tag and survey the above confirmed tree roost(s) on my land. I also permit the surveyor to share all the tree roost and species records with BCT and BTHK.

Signed _____ Date _____

Your personal and contact details will be entered in a password protected BCT database for the sole purpose of contacting you about further surveys of the tree roost/s in the future. Your personal details will not be shared publicly.

Sharing data via the National Biodiversity Network Atlas (NBN Atlas)

Please see the associated briefing note for woodland owners and managers and the landowner privacy notice for more data sharing information.

Please choose from the following options:

I would like data from the tagged tree roost/s to be included on the NBN Atlas with the following grid reference resolution:

Public access

10 km – (e.g. TL63 - identifies the 10 km square in which the site is located) ☐

1 km – (e.g. TL6233- identifies the 1 km square in which the site is located) ☐

If you **DO NOT** wish for records collected from the tagged tree/s to be made available to the NBN Atlas under public access, please tick this box ☐

Enhanced access

10 m – (e.g. TL629303380 - identifies the 10 m square in which the site is located) ☐

100 m – (e.g. TL629338- identifies the 100 m square in which the site is located) ☐

If you **DO NOT** wish for records collected from the tagged tree/s to be made available to the NBN Atlas under enhanced access, please tick this box ☐

Please note a high-resolution grid reference will be more useful for informing where trees may be at risk. For public access, we encourage that the 1 km resolution is selected and for enhanced access, we encourage that the 10 m resolution is selected unless there are concerns about site sensitivity or landowner privacy.

Thank you for your important contribution to the Bat Roost Tree Tag Scheme.

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Tag order form



The following purchase options below are available:

For 1 tag & 2 nails - 0.90 p + 2nd class, no tracking (£0.66p) = £1.56

For 3 tags & 6 nails - £2.70 + 2nd class, no tracking (£0.96) = £3.66

For 6 tags & 12 nails - £5.40 + 2nd class, no tracking (£1.53) = £6.93

Bat Roost Tree Tag order form

To submit an order please complete the form below:

Number of tags

- ☐ 1 tag (tag plus 2nd class postage) - £1.56
- ☐ 3 tags (3 tags plus 2nd class postage) - £3.66
- ☐ 6 tags (6 tags plus 2nd class postage) - £6.93

Delivery Address

Delivery Postcode

Tree roost and species record form - Basic Records

The survey will take approximately 8 minutes to complete.
Please submit all the records you have using the form below:



* Required

Basic Records

Email address*	Recorder's name (surveyor or owner/manager) *
Site name *	County*
Tag number? *	Grid Reference (O.S. not lat/lon) *
Evidence of bat use (droppings, bats seen or heard) *	Type of bat survey (emergence counts, dawn counts, radiotracking, endoscope or other) *
Tree species*	Tree alive/dead*
Type of roost (maternity, day roost, hibernation roost etc.) where known	Date tree roost was identified *
Bat species (where possible)	Number of bats (if present and counted)
Roost feature type where known (see Appendix A – • Woodpecker-hole • Knothole • Pruning cut • Tear-out • Compression-fork / Double-leader • Wound • Canker • Butt-rot • Flute • Ivy • Hollows	Roost features photographic guide and description) • Hazard-beam • Frost-crack • Subsidence crack • Shearing crack • Lightning-strike • Desiccation-fissure • Transverse-snap / snag • Weld • Lifting bark • Rot hole



Tree roost and species record form - Additional Records

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.
Please submit all the records you have using the form below:



* Required

Additional Records

Tree Height (m)	DBH (Diameter at breast height) (cm)
Roost Feature (RF) on stem/limb	RF height (m)
Habitat (Phase 1)	DPH (Diameter at RF height) (cm)
RF has more than one entrance to the same void? Yes or No. If yes, please complete a separate form for both entrances and identify that the two forms are linked in the comments section. It is important for the BTHK database that this is carried out.	Inspection results - N: Not known to be a roost and no bats or droppings present - Pn: Known roost but no bats or droppings - Pb: Positive inspection; bats present but no droppings - Pd: Positive inspection; droppings present but no bats - Pbd: Positive inspection; bats and droppings present
Direction RF faces - North South-west - North-east South-east - North-west South - East West	
Do you have photos or videos of droppings and/or bats? (Photographic or video evidence is important and should be provided, if possible) Photographic or video evidence to be sent to BRTTS@bats.org.uk	Understorey (Sparse; Medium; Dense) Ground flora (Sparse; Medium; Dense)
	Canopy coverage (estimated %) Presence of water (within 1km) Distance from edge of woodland (m)

Additional records cont...



Distance bat/bats were from the entrance (cm)	Bat(s) awake or torpid? • Awake • Torpid
Entrance height (cm)	Entrance width (cm)
Internal depth (cm)	Internal width and height (cm)
Apex Shape • Dome • Spire • Peak/Wedge • Flat • Chambered • Tube	Internal substrate (tick all that apply) • Smooth Dirty • Bobbly Sludgy • Bumpy Debris • Rough Dusty • Clean Polished • Waxy Blackened
Location of bat(s), if present • Above entrance • Below entrance • Opposite entrance • To the side of the entrance	Competitors present • Bird nesting • Bird night-roosting • Toad • Wood mouse • Dormouse • Woodlice • Slugs • Snails • Millipede • Centipede • Spider web with spider • Spider web with no spider visible • Grey squirrel • Red squirrel • Other
Smell • None • Pleasant • Not Unpleasant • Unpleasant	
Internal humidity (tick all that apply) • Dry • Damp • Wet	
DNA result, lab name and reference number, if droppings are analysed	

Thank you for listening!



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