

RESULTS FROM THE 2015 RECORDING SEASON

The Society's bat detector was used at 155 different locations across 75 x 1-km squares in the Norfolk and Suffolk Brecks last summer. We are particularly pleased to see an increase in the number of squares surveyed in the Suffolk Brecks, where 24 x 1-km squares (32%) were surveyed.

In terms of the number of bat recordings made, an amazing total of 53,541 individual records from the Brecks were collected and analysed, comprising at least 11 species. This confirms the Brecks as a national bat hotspot and an especially important area for the scarce Barbastelle and Leisler's Bat, see the two maps below. We look forward to more exciting records during 2016!

Species	Number of recordings	% of total
Common pipistrelle	24,565	45.88%
Soprano pipistrelle	14,730	27.51%
Serotine	998	1.86%
Brown long-eared bat	224	0.40%
Noctule	798	1.50%
Barbastelle	169	0.30%
Leisler's	318	0.60%
Daubenton's	335	0.60%
Nathusius' pipistrelle	28	<0.1%
Natterer's	132	0.25%
Whiskered / Brandt's	10	<0.1%
Unidentified bat species	4,085	7.60%
Pipistrelle species	6,444	12.00%
Myotis species	598	1.10%
Noctule, Serotine and Leisler's	107	0.20%



