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Appendix 2: Glossary

7F's	Seven Fields (see also LNR)	LBAP	Local Biodiversity Action Plan
ADAS	Agricultural Development Advisory Service	LNR	Local Nature Reserve
ANSW	Ancient Semi Natural Woodland	LPA	Local Planning Authority
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Fisheries (now defunct)
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan	Marlborough Downs Natural Area	One of three distinct physical geological areas that divide Swindon Borough
BC	Butterfly Conservation	Midvale Ridge	One of three distinct physical geological areas that divide Swindon Borough
BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	Natural Area	A distinct physical geological area
BTO	British Trust for Ornithology	Natural greenspace	An area in which habitat is actively managed for wildlife
CLO	Community Liaison Officer	NOF	New Opportunities Fund
Convention On Biological Diversity	Agreement signed at the Rio Earth Summit 1992	Non-natives	Introduced species
Countryside Stewardship	Agriculture environment scheme providing grants for environmental improvements	NRA	National Rivers Authority (now defunct)
CRoW	Countryside Rights of Way Act	NT	National Trust
CWS	County Wildlife Site – non-statutory site of local wildlife importance.	NVC	National Vegetation Classification
DEFRA	Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	PAW	Planted Ancient Woodland
EA	Environment Agency - A statutory agency	PCT	Primary Care Trust
EN	English Nature - a Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation (see SNCO)	Phase One Habitat Survey	An initial survey to determine vegetation types of a given area
EU	European Union	PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
FaB	Flowers and Butterflies	PSA	Public Service Agreement
FC	Forestry Commission	RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
FOE	Friends of the Earth	SAM	Scheduled Ancient Monument
FSA	Flood Storage Area	SAP	Species Action Plan
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	Saproxylic	Feeding on dead/rotting wood
FWAG	Farm Wildlife Advisory Group	SBC	Swindon Borough Council
GCN	Great Crested Newt	SDA	Southern Development Area (Front Garden)
GCT	Game Conservancy Trust	SINC	Site of Interest for Nature Conservation (See also CWS and Wildlife Site)
GOSW	Government Office of the South West	SNCO	Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation
GWCF	Great Western Community Forest	SOW	Standing Open Water
GWE	Great Western Enterprise	Species	A group of individuals that look alike and that mate to produce viable offspring
HA	Highways Agency	Species of conservation concern Amber	Bird species that have declined by 25% in the past 10 years
Habitat	An area in which a species lives e.g. finds food, shelter and breeds.		
HAP	Habitat Action Plan		
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationery Office		
KDC	Kennet District Council		
LA	Local Authority		

Species of conservation concern Red

Bird species that have declined by 50% in the past 10 years

SPG Supplementary Planning Guidance

SS Swindon Services

SSSI Site Of Special Scientific Interest

SSTW Swindon Sewage Treatment works

Steering Group

A group that have meet over the past two years to provide resources and expertise to develop the Swindon BAP

Succession

A natural process by which habitat change - e.g. pond become woodlands

SWBAP South West Biodiversity Action Plan

SWRDA South West Regional Development Agency

Thames and Avon Vale

One of three distinct physical geological areas that divide Swindon Borough

TPO Tree Preservation Order

TW or TWUL or TWu

Thames Water or Thames Water Utilities

TWIGS Therapeutic Work in Gardens Swindon

UKBAP United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan

UKWAS United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Scheme

W&SBRC

Wiltshire and Swindon Biological Record Centre

WBAP Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan

WBG Wiltshire Bat Group

WBG Wiltshire Badger Group

WCC Wiltshire County Council

WGS Woodland Grant Scheme

WIGI Wiltshire Interactive Grazing Initiative

Wildlife Site

Non Statutory Designation of site with Biodiversity interest (see also SINC and CWS)

Wildspace

See Natural Greenspace

WOS Wiltshire Ornithological Society

WSteam Wildlife Sites Team (monitor and record County Wildlife Sites - CWS)

WT Woodland Trust

WWT Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



Appendix 3: Action Plan Coding

The actions assigned to a particular chapter have been assigned a letter coding according to the following list.

Generic issues	GA
Arable farmland	FL
Hedgerows	HG
Standing Open Water	SOW
Urban Ponds	UP
Rivers and Streams	RaS
Wetlands	WL
Amenity Grassland	AG
Neutral Meadows	NG
Chalk Grassland	CG
Built-up Areas	BG
Development Sites	D
Woodland	W
Scrub	S
Veteran Trees and Parkland	P
Bats	B

In the development of the Swindon Biodiversity Action Plan it is noted that some actions cut across different action plans and therefore in the action tables reference may be made to an action appearing in full elsewhere.



Appendix 5: UK Biodiversity Priority Species found in Swindon Borough

The UK Biodiversity Action Plan lists 382 priority species, each with its own Species Action Plan. The following table lists 23 species that are known to occur in Swindon and which are among the 382 priority species listed in the UK BAP.

Group	English Name	Latin name	Records
Mammals	Water Vole	<i>Arvicola terrestris</i>	Recent survey work indicates that Swindon may be a stronghold for this species although local extinctions have also been noted recently
Mammals	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaens</i>	Widespread in rural areas
Mammals	European Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Returning to rivers including those in the heart of Swindon
Mammals	Pipistrelle Bat	<i>Pipistrellus pipistellus</i>	Widespread
Mammals	Lesser Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus hipposiderous</i>	Uncommon
Birds	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Locally common where habitat exists but absent from most of the Borough
Birds	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Locally common e.g. River Ray Parkway
Birds	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Locally common with up to 90 birds winter roosting at Moulden Hill
Birds	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	Rare - one known site
Birds	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscapa striata</i>	Very uncommon breeding visitor
Birds	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Only two known populations
Birds	Grey Partridge	<i>Pardix perdix</i>	Rare
Birds	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Common and widespread and increasing in recent years
Birds	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Common resident
Amphibians	Great Crested Newt	<i>Triturus cristatus</i>	Widespread
Bees	Brown Banded Carder Bee	<i>Bombus humilis</i>	Locally common on some downland.
Bees	A Nomad Bee	<i>Nomad xanthosticta</i>	One record for Swindon in 1990
Beetles	Stag Beetle	<i>Lucanus cervus</i>	Occasional unconfirmed reports from south Swindon
Butterflies	Marsh Fritillary	<i>Eurodryas aurinia</i>	Recorded at Barbury Castle
Butterflies	Adonis Blue	<i>Lysandra bellargus</i>	Recorded at Barbury Castle
Crustaceans	White Clawed Crayfish	<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i>	Found in the tributaries of the River Cole and River Ray
Vascular Plants	Cornflower	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Noted in the Biodiversity Audit of Swindon Borough published in 2000