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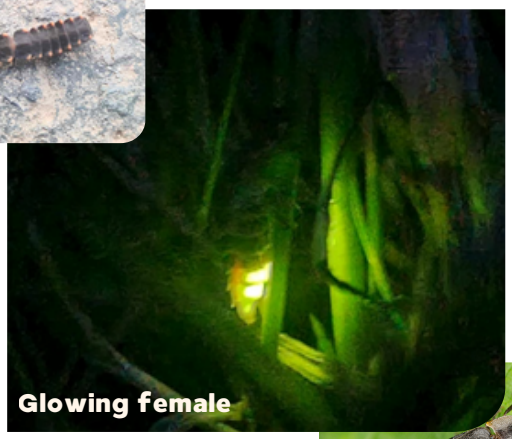
BIAZA Glow Worm Patrol 2026

Glow Worms!? Where?

Glow Worm Larvae



Glowing female

Adult

That's what we're trying to find out! And you can help.

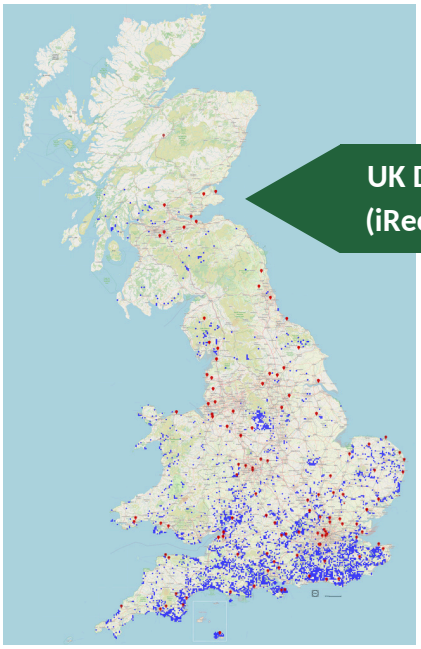
We've joined 'BIAZA Glow Worm Patrol' to help discover where these bright little beetles live. In doing so, they can be better supported against threats like urban development and light pollution.

Despite surveys over the years, researchers are still in the dark over the factors affecting the decline of glow worms...What is needed is the widest possible survey of the remaining glow-worm habitats, which is where you can help.

- UK Glow Worm Survey

What is a glow worm?

The insect, *Lampyris noctiluca*, isn't actually a worm! They are a thimble-sized beetle. Only the wingless, larvae-like, female glows strongly, to attract the flying males (who appear more beetle-like).



UK Distribution map (iRecord 2011 - 2025)

Join the Patrol:

BIAZA (the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums) Glow Worm Patrol is a campaign to get zoos and aquariums searching for populations of these enigmatic insects.

Look out for events from your local BIAZA zoo/aquarium which you can participate in.

Wouldn't it be extraordinary to encounter a glow worm during a summer evening survey?

Further information:

BIAZA Glow Worm Patrol Home: biaza.org.uk/campaigns/detail/biaza-glow-worm-patrol

UK Glow-worm survey: www.glowworms.org.uk