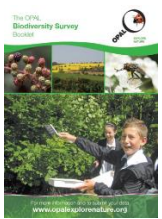


The Open Air Laboratories network (OPAL), is a UK wide citizen science initiative funded by the Big Lottery, aim's to help everyone, regardless of age, background or ability to learn about their local place. OPAL have created 7 surveys to help you record and learn about nature in your area.



[Air quality survey](#) - what are lichens and what do they tell us about the air quality in your area? Can you measure the tar spots on the sycamore leaves?



[Biodiversity survey](#) – a look at the wildlife that is supported by your local hedgerows.



[Bugs count survey](#) – find and record the bugs living in different habitats.



[Soil & earthworm survey](#) - what is the soil like in your area and which earthworm species live there?



**Tree health survey** – what trees grow in your area? are any of them affected by diseases or parasites?



**Water survey** - what lives in your local pond and what does that tell us about water quality?



Have you spotted a New Zealand Flatworm? We want to know, Complete the **New Zealand Flatworm survey**.

Lots more survey resources and information are available to download for free from the OPAL website [www.opalexplornature.org](http://www.opalexplornature.org)

When you complete a survey upload the data onto the OPAL website and you can see all the results for NI on the results map.