

BRISTOL NATURAL HISTORY CONSORTIUM

c/o Bristol Zoo Gardens
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BioBlitz 2009

Join us at Bristol's premier biological event for 2009 - the first ever terrestrial BioBlitz in the West of England! We need to enlist the help of experts to help us race against the clock and identify as many species as we can during our 30-hour BioBlitz event. We would like to invite you to **join us for a 3-hour stint** (or longer!) and provide help in identifying species and/or lead small groups of the public to search for and identify species. As part of our core team we will give you a Bristol BioBlitz T-shirt and will provide food and drink during the event. We will also have a designated relaxation area for team members to rest and recharge.

A BioBlitz is an event where scientists, local naturalists, members of the public, schools and community groups work together to find and identify all the wildlife in a certain area over a fixed period of time. It is an opportunity to allow the public to discover and experience what nature has to offer, and has the dual aims of establishing the degree of biodiversity in an area and popularising science through the public engaging with naturalists and scientists in the field.

The BioBlitz is supported by Science City Bristol and Defra. We will be working alongside the Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre (BRERC) who will also collate and use the data we collect. The event will be held at the **Ashton Court estate** in Bristol from **9am Friday June 26th – 3pm Saturday June 27th 2009**. Throughout the event we will keep the information area and website updated as to what has been found, and at the end of the 30-hours there will be a special closing ceremony to which you are of course invited.

Please email me to sign up for the event or if you would like any further information.

Kind Regards,

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