Explaining the fields used on data from the Natures Calendar excel database.

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| **Name** | **Explanation** |
| SpeciesName | Standard reference name for a species as appearing on the Natural History Museum UK species inventory (as a common name) and used by the National Biodiversity Network |
| SpeciesLatinName | Standard reference name for a species as appearing on the Natural History Museum UK species inventory (as a scientific name) and used by the National Biodiversity Network |
| ObservationYear | The recording year in which the observation was made |
| ObservationDay | The ordinal day of the observation |
| ObservationDate | dd/mm/yyyy. The date of the observation. Guidance to recorders on when an event should be recorded is found in the Nature’s Calendar Recording Guide.  Excel does not recognise dates earlier than 01/01/1900. Therefore all dates prior to 01/01/1900 display as 01/01/1900 although the Observation Year and Observation Day will be correct. |
| Season | The recording season in which the event occurs |
| EventName | The name given to the phenological event. The Nature’s Calendar Recording Guide contains definitions of the events recoded from 1998 to the present. The definition of phenophases for historic events will be unique to individual recorders and is not documented. |
| Easting | GB and Northern Ireland eastings use OSGB national grid and are formed by converting the centre of the postcode provided by the recorder as the location of all their recordings. Individuals can record anywhere within a 6 mile radius of the postcode they provide. The easting is not therefore the location of the recording but the location of the postcode centre. |
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| IsSpeciesCurrent | Indicates whether a species is currently recorded by Nature’s Calendar or not |
| FirstObservationYear | Whether the observation is the recorders first (yes/no) |
| LastObservationYear | The last year in which a recorder entered an observation |
| NoYearsInLocation | The number of years a recorder has been recording in any one location |
| FirstObservation | The first year in which a recorder has entered an observation |
| loccounty | County is ascribed automatically to records using the postcode data. |
| locregion | Region has been ascribed manually to all historic data and automatically to current records from postcode data. |