

Introduction to the 'flag an issue function'.

The NBN is committed to making high quality, dependable biological data available in order to educate and inform about the state of the UK's wildlife.

It is unavoidable that species records may contain inaccuracies. In order to continue to improve the quality of data on the NBN Atlas, we have added an option where users can 'flag an issue' if they see a possible problem with a record.

Users can use the 'flag an issue' function to report this problem or suggest a correction. The guidance notes for 'flag an issue' can be found [here](#).

Once an issue has been flagged, the Atlas administrators will be notified, who will contact the data provider.

There are then three outcomes:

1. The data provider confirms that all the information on the record is correct;
2. The data provider confirms the mistake in the record and the NBN Atlas administrators can remove the record; and
3. The data provider confirms the mistake in the record and resupplies the dataset with the updated record.

It is possible for data providers to receive an email alert when annotations are made to records in particular datasets or on any record in the Atlas.

Ultimately, dataset editors will be notified automatically when annotations are made to their records and they will be able to verify the annotations. However, at the moment that functionality is not in place.