



Frank Greenaway / The Vincent Wildlife Trust

WANTED HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ANIMAL?

Help us to help the water vole.
Please complete and return the
form overleaf.

Burrow entrances in steep banks

Generally close to the water's edge, more
wide than tall and 4-8cm in diameter.



Droppings

Cylindrical in shape, 5-10mm long, with blunt
ends. Often deposited as discrete piles.
The colour varies depending on diet, but may
be green, brown or purplish, with fine plant
material visible.



Image by Sarah Eno

Feeding stations and 'lawns'

Chewed lengths of vegetation in small piles;
grazed lawns may also be found around
burrow entrances.

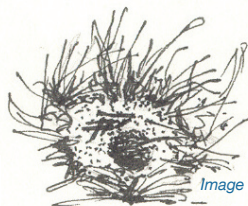


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We need your help to look for signs or sightings of the water vole.

A recent survey of the upper reaches
of the River Tweed catchment,
commissioned by the Scottish
Borders Local Biodiversity Action Plan
Partnership, showed suitable habitat in
many places but almost no animals or
signs of them.

Appearance

Rat-sized but chubby with blunt nose,
chestnut-brown to black fur, short
rounded ears, long hair-covered tail.
Body length 140-220mm, tail length
95-140mm, weight 150-300g.

Look for water voles along slow
moving water courses with
earth or peaty banks, and tall
(ungrazed) vegetation. The best
time to look is between April and
October.



PLEASE RECORD YOUR SIGHTINGS HERE

Location (Nearest town or village)	Grid reference if known	Date	Comments

Have you ever seen water voles in the past?

Can you tell us where and when they were seen – e.g. town, name of water course, year and season?

Do you know of any historical sources of information?

Do you have any stories or local names for water voles which might indicate presence?

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone Number _____

PLEASE SEND ANY INFORMATION BY THE END OF 2008 TO:

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Thank you for your help with this survey.
If you would like us to let you know what we find out, please tick this box.