



Coombe Bissett Down Nature Reserve Earthworm Site Species List

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Vice County:	8 South Wiltshire

To date 6 of the 31 earthworm species known to occur in natural environments in the British Isles have been recorded on this site.

All species identifications were made using Sherlock (2018) have successfully passed through the National Earthworm Recording Scheme protocol.

*Allolobophora chlorotica*¹
Aporrectodea caliginosa *
Aporrectodea longa *
Aporrectodea rosea
Lumbricus festivus *
Lumbricus terrestris

Species List Notes

Species in bold indicate species noted as rare or extremely rare in Natural England (2014). However, further investigation regarding the true distribution and abundance of individual earthworm species in the British Isles is required in order to establish the true status of UK earthworm species populations.

¹ Both the green and pink morphs of *Allolobophora chlorotica* have been recorded on this site.

* This species list includes the first record of *Aporrectodea caliginosa* (2022), *Aporrectodea longa* (2022) and *Lumbricus festivus* (2022) submitted to the National Earthworm Recording Scheme within Vice County 8 (South Wiltshire).

References

Natural England (2014) *Natural England Commissioned Report NECR145 Earthworms in England: distribution, abundance and habitats* <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5174957155811328>

Sherlock, E. (2018) *Key to the earthworms of the UK and Ireland (2nd edition)*. London: Field Studies Council and Natural History Museum

