

BSBI Database:
Data validation workshop

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Data validation aims to ensure that records are fit-for-purpose.

- Concentrate on *significant* errors and on interesting records
 - Remove records that would cause false dots on maps
 - Confirm *interesting* records that might otherwise be doubted
- Aim to keep the scale of the problem manageable
 - Target records that matter

Finding and correcting errors

Location errors

(grid-ref mistakes; wrong county; false precision)

Taxon Mis-identification

recorder errors

but also, taxonomic changes

and data entry errors

Date errors

Validation tools: location

- Grid-ref – vice county matching
- Grid-ref – placename matching

Validation tools: *interesting* records

- Use conservation status checklists
- Compare with atlas status
- Singletons
- Altitude extremes