

To record 'not found' in MapMate after an unsuccessful search for a previously known population

You can enter 'Not Found' type records in MapMate simply by entering 'n' in the quantity field and hitting 'return'. The DDb handles MapMate's 'N' (absence) abundance code correctly and such records are assigned a status of '*looked for and not found*' and are excluded from search results and maps by default. To view these absence markers, you would need to add a search filter to explicitly include them by status. Use this [DDb query](#), for example, to help you see absence markers in your VC.

It is incredibly useful to make such negative records and we'd strongly encourage it. But please always include a comment describing the basis for the record, e.g., how and where you searched and include brief details of the last known sighting and suspected cause of the loss. Specify a grid-square reference that is precise enough to encompass only the area that you surveyed.

Be aware though that MapMate atlas maps do not always distinguished absence markers from positive records depending on how they were set up.