Are you looking for a system to allow online recording?
Do you want simple data entry?
Do you need the ability to upload photographs?
Would you like to customise the recording forms for your own needs?

If the answer is yes then **Indicia** is for you

Indicia is:

• the online recording toolkit
• adaptable to suit your needs
• a set of prebuilt pieces ready for you to assemble to create a website for capturing wildlife records

Indicia is a toolkit that simplifies the construction of new websites which allow data entry, mapping and online recording of wildlife. It's not a finished online survey website – it's more like a kit car as opposed to a manufactured car. You get the wheels, engine and all the important tricky bits ready-made, you just have to assemble the parts.

Indicia will:
- **Increase flow of data**
- **Avoid reinventing the wheel**
- **Improve data quality**

The techie bit:

Indicia has been designed to be useable with minimal technical skills whilst remaining fully flexible to those with more advanced skills.

- Indicia can be used without any coding skills through the facility to integrate it into a content management system such as Drupal.
- For greater flexibility, with basic coding skills you can build your own forms using the provided set of programmers' components. All the tricky stuff is hidden inside the supplied component provided for you
- With advanced programming skills you can access the Indicia warehouse directly and build your own data entry forms from scratch, or mix your code in with the provided programmers' components

Instant Indicia

Instant Indicia is an even simpler solution and the quickest way to build websites using Indicia. It provides:

- Indicia functionality already integrated into the Drupal content management system alongside the other tools needed to build online recording websites.
- A simple list to allow you to select the "features" you want on your website. Simply select the input forms, reports, maps, verification that you want and Instant Indicia does the rest

The important bit - cost

Indicia is open source software and there are no costs for the software itself. However, before implementing a project using Indicia please take into account the cost of web-hosting and also developing your Indicia powered site, although the latter should be considerably cheaper using Indicia than if starting from scratch.

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Find out more at the **Indicia project website** and keep up to date with developments at the **Forum** on the **NBN website**.