

John Sawyer NBN Open Data Award

The National Biodiversity Network Secretariat established its Open Data Award in 2015 and is made annually to a member of the NBN who is making the greatest contribution to open biodiversity data in the UK. This award is named in memory of NBN CEO, John Sawyer.

This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding contribution of NBN Data Partners towards achieving the NBN vision of "collecting and sharing biological data openly to educate and inform".

The Network has 160+ Data Partners and these organisations vary in their commitment to open data. The NBN Gateway has almost 130 million biological records and some of these data are shared openly, but many are not available at full resolution or are hidden from public view.

The 2016 Award has been given to **Caledonian Conservation Limited** in recognition of the openness of the data it provides to the NBN Gateway as the datasets are all available at capture resolution under a CC-BY licence, making the data available for anyone to use for research, education and further commercial work.