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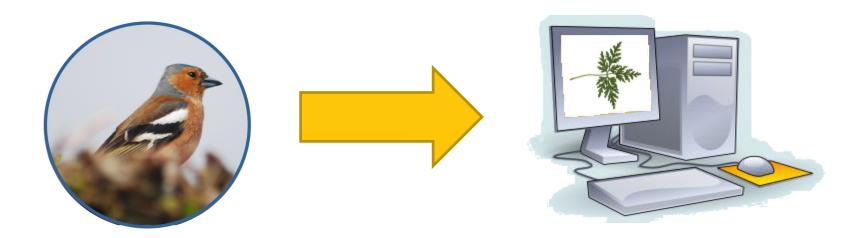
# Data: Collection to Use

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#### What is ALERC?

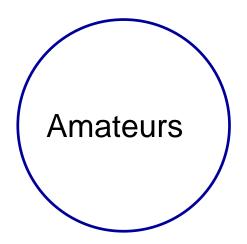
- There are local environmental records centres in most of the UK.
- Usually they are for one or a group of local authorities.
- They collect and manage biodiversity data for their area from many sources.
- They provide information to many users
  - Local Authorities
  - Consultants
  - Citizens
  - National Agencies
  - Others

We are the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres

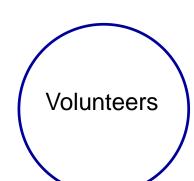


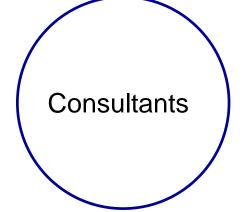


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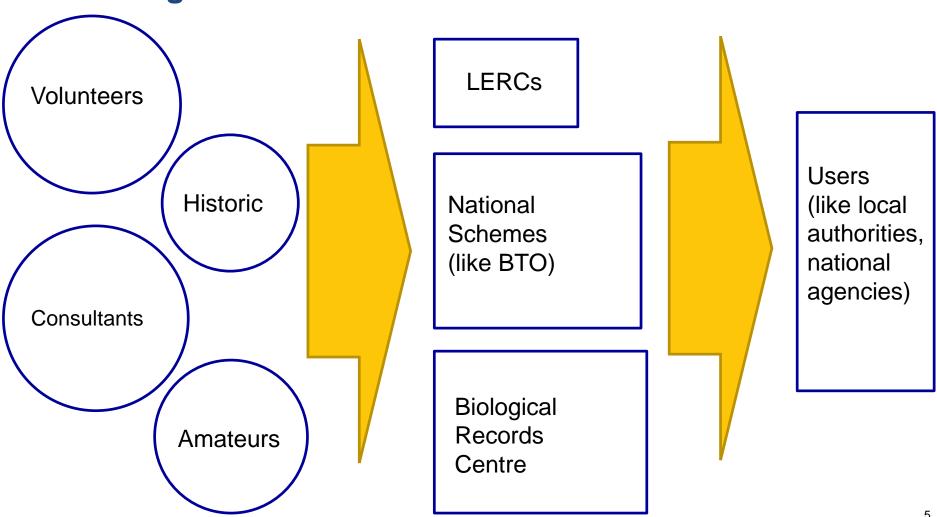








### **Data Organisations**





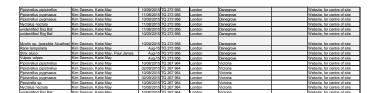
#### **Data Sources**

#### Websites





# Spreadsheets



**Others** 







### **Data Infrastructure**

#### Offline Databases



### **Data Output**

#### Maps



### MapMate®



#### Web Databases



Reports

Geographical Information Systems



### Infrastructure problems

- Little standardisation
  - Data can be used in different formats.
- Often created by national or international organisations
  - Misses the needs of local organisations
- Data users unaware of where to get best information for their needs from
- Now no long-term funding support
- No clear plan for the future

But, data still gets used. LERCs provide data for >21 000 planning applications per year.





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Thank you!





