



mistleGO!

Help us to record mistletoe abundance across Britain and Ireland!

A collaboration between University of Oxford and the Tree Council

What is mistletoe?

European mistletoe (*Viscum album*) is:

- a **parasitic plant** native to the British Isles
- looks like **green clumps** in trees
- ecologically **important** – may reduce growth of trees, including apples
- good for biodiversity – e.g., provides food for winter birds
- thought to be spreading in the British Isles, but **why and how much are unknown**



Photo: Jonathan Briggs

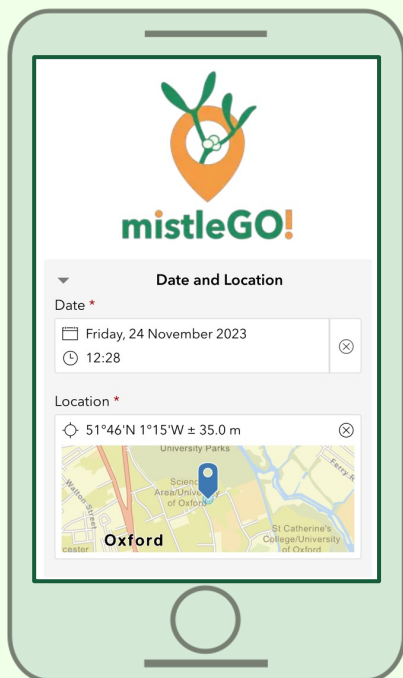
To predict mistletoe's future, we need **abundance data** (how much there is in an area), which has never been collected nationally

The solution:

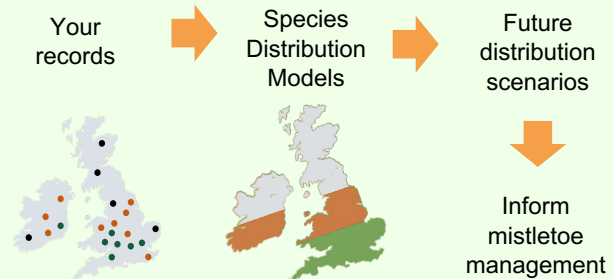


Each winter (Nov-Feb) from 2024-2026, help us collect local abundance data using a new **app-based citizen science survey**, **mistleGO!**

Record **location**, **mistletoe count**, **habitat** and extra observations (e.g., host ID, berries) - you can also record areas where there is **NO mistletoe** or **LOTS** of mistletoe



How will we predict the future?



Get involved NOW!

1. Download **Survey123** on App Store or via the QR code
2. Download the **mistleGO!** survey via the QR code (or use the web version)
3. Photograph your tree, count the mistletoe and **submit your record!**



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