



# How to take a good photo for skate ID



- Take the photograph from directly above and as high as you can to capture the whole of the body of the skate, the tail is not important
- Try to avoid strong shadow or sunlight on the skate if possible as this will make spot patterns difficult to distinguish
- Try to avoid people in your photos, at least not their faces so that they can't be recognised
- Please upload the photo at [skatespotter.sams.ac.uk](http://skatespotter.sams.ac.uk) or email to [skates@sams.ac.uk](mailto:skates@sams.ac.uk) or [skate@nature.scot](mailto:skate@nature.scot)



Photo should be taken from directly above and high enough to fit the whole body of the skate in the frame of the photo.



The glare makes the patterns on this skate more difficult to distinguish, try and shade the skate if possible on very sunny days.



The skate is flat on the deck and the whole body is contained in the photo with no glare or shadows.

#### Please also record:

- Location
- Date and Time
- width and length of the fish
- port of embarkation / disembarkation
- angling platform (charter boat, private boat, caught from shore)
- name of the photographer

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