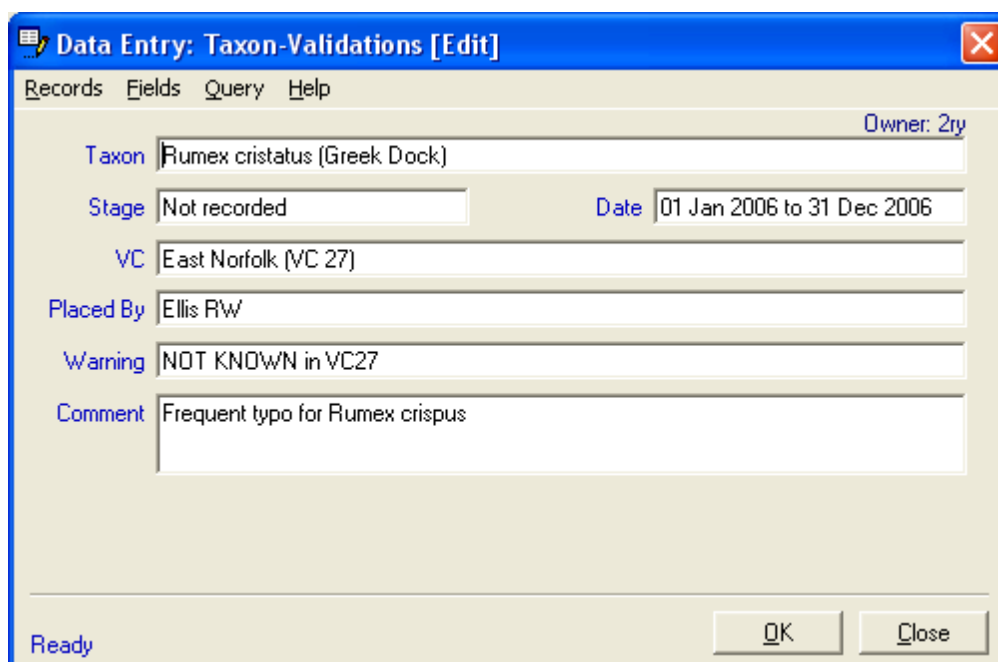
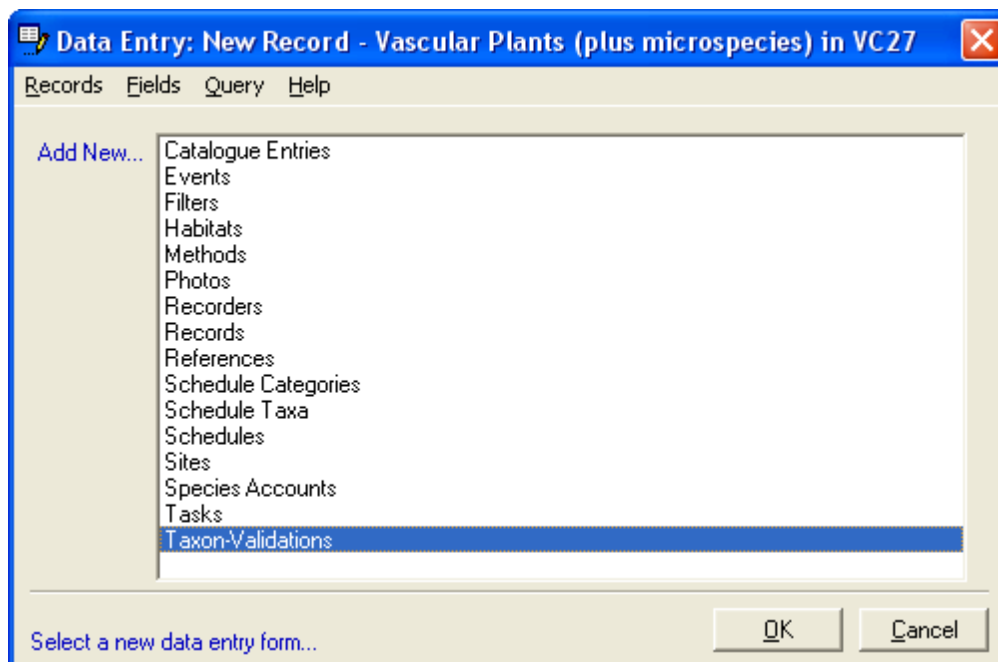


Using Taxon-Validations in MapMate.

To prevent common typing errors when entering a species by name, it is worthwhile using the Taxon-Validation feature of MapMate. Typical examples are *Euphorbia peplis* for *E. peplus* and *Rumex cristatus* for *R. crispus*. There is a cost in terms of speed of data entry and with this feature turned on, saving the first item in a session appears to be considerably slower, but subsequent entries are only slightly so. If entering a batch of records by BRC code rather than by name, it may be worth temporarily disabling taxon validation.

To add a new taxon-validation, select Taxon-Validations from the 'Records' > 'Add New...' list from the Data Entry 'File' menu and simply enter the appropriate details.



Stage: use 'Not Recorded' to apply the validation to any stage entered.

Date: This is just a note of the date on which the taxon-validation record was made and doesn't affect the usage.

VC: Note that taxon-validations are specific to the vice-county entered here.

You can list your taxon-validations with the query supplied in the 'Browse Tables' section of Analysis.

To enable or disable the validation process, select 'Properties...' from the Data Entry 'File' menu and select the Validation tab. Check (or uncheck) the Enable Taxon Validation box.

