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Locality	Grid ref.	Date	Notes	Source
Cleveland	NZ52	Early 1800s	Listed for area Specimen in Waterton collection	Graves 1808
Walton Park	SE3616	1836		Booth 1939
Askern area	SE5513	1842	Listed for area	Lankester 1842
Halifax	SE02	1849	Listed for area	Morley 1956
Fixby	SE1319	1859	Listed for area	Hobkirk 1868
Kirklees	SE1723	1858	Listed for area	Hobkirk 1868
Whitley	SE2218	1859	Listed for area	Hobkirk 1868
Sowerby Moor	SE0223	1860	Listed for area	Hobkirk 1868
Fly Flatts	SE0123	1860	One trapped Of pheasants '...polecats make great havoc amongst the birds'	Hobkirk 1868
Sandbeck	SK5690	1860	Three trapped during winter of 1861-62	Tomlinson 1860
Clowes Moor	SE0211	1861	Listed for area	Hanson 1883
Doncaster Carrs	SE5900	1866	Two shot	Hatfield 1866
Hooton Pagnell	SE4807	1868	Rare about Lofthouse'	Rudston & Whitney 1934
Lofthouse	SE3326	1869	One killed by dog Specimen in Doncaster Museum collection	Roberts 1869
Cudworth Pasture	SE0211	1869	One caught	Hanson 1883
Marr Wood	SE4905	1870	One seen	Donc. Mus. Acc. Book
Strangstey Wood	SE1120	1875	Male trapped	Hanson 1883
Three Nunns, Kirklees	SE1722	1875	One trapped	Hanson 1883
Rishworth	SE0218	1876	One trapped	Hanson 1883
Greenfield	SD90	1878	Specimen in Wakefield Museum collection	Hanson 1883
Stanley	SE3423	1878	One seen in May. 'This is another scarce animal hereabouts, ... the latter [gamekeepers] do all they can to destroy them'.	
Seven Arches, Adel	SE2740	1880	Listed for area	Raine 1880a & b
Ingmanthorpe	SE4250	1881	Last date known in the district.	Waite 1891
Raincliffe Wood	SE9988	1882	One watched in a thick 'fir' wood.	Clarke 1892b
Seamer Carrs	TA0281	1882	Male trapped in February and female in March	Clarke 1892b
Marsden Moor	SE0310	1884	Listed for area	Hanson 1886
Roche Abbey	SK5489	1884	Listed for area	YNU Circular 8.5.1884
Lepton	SE2015	1884	Listed for area	Yorkshire Post 28.12.1929
Spurn Peninsula	TA41	1884	Tracks found by John Cordeaux	YNU Circular 3.9.1884
Upper Nidderdale	SE1565	1886	A species of the past ... though may still survive'	Clarke et al. 1886
Wilstrop	SE4854	1886	Two or three caught in haystack'	Waite 1891
Jugger How Beck	SE9399	1887	Five specimens seen'	Cooke 1887
Sedbergh	SD6692	1887	Listed for area	YNU Circular no. 68

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Hatfield Chase	SE69	1887	Two undated local specimens in collection of the Vicar of Hatfield	YNU Circular no. 70
Saddleworth	SD9905	1888	Listed for area	YNU Circular no. 73
Kirkham Abbey	SE7369	1889	Listed for area	YNU Circular no. 82
Sledmere	SE9364	1891	Listed for area	YNU Circular no. 93
			Occurred sparingly within the memory of the older inhabitants ... is now probably extinct'.	
Langstrothdale	SD9278	1891		Woodd 1891
Staintondale	SE9799	1891	Five seen , one killed. Formerly found ... does not now occur'	YNU Circular no. 92
Horton-in-Ribblesdale	SD8172	1892		YNU Circular no. 96
Seamer Carrs	TA0382	1894	Rare'	Rimington 1956
			Common once ... almost extinct now'	YNU Circular no. 126
Staithes	NZ7818	1896		YNU Circular no. 129
Boston Spa	SE4245	1897	Listed for area	
			Formerly common but now almost extinct'.	YNU Circular no. 131
Cotharstone	NZ0119	1897		YNU Circular no. 136
Inglebrough	SD6973	1898	Formerly'.	YNU Circular no. 143
Dent	SD7086	1899	Listed for area	YNU Circular no. 152
Crossland Hall	SE1114	1900	Rare'.	
			Common about the middle of the 19th century, appear to be extinct at present time'.	YNU Circular no. 153
			Two or three corpses hanging on barn door at Grimwith House, also specimen observed at close range'.	
Grimwith	SE0664	Early 1900s		Batten 1952
Darley, Nidderdale	SE2059	1903	One shot	Taylor 1956
			One trapped, used to appear on keeper's line'.	Barry 1907
Fyling Hall	NZ9304	1903	Still occasionally met with'.	YNU Circular no. 179
Hebden Bridge	SD9827	1904		Taylor 1956
Ramsdale	NZ9203	1907	Still present'	
			Undated specimen in collection of Sir Wickham Boynton in Hull Museum. ... evidently scarce in the Bradford area'	Grabham 1907, Sheppard 1927
Burton Agnes	TA1063	1907		Anon 1907
Bradford area	SE13	1907	Formerly to be found but now probably extinct'.	YNU Circular no. 219
Cawthorne	SE2807	1909	One killed by gamekeeper of 'the polecat 'about extinct now'.	
Nunkeeling	TA1449	1910		Bolam 1913
Wassand	TA1746	1910		Taylor 1956
			... on the verge of extinction'	Denny 1910
Sheffield area	SK38	1910	... recorded ... not far away'.	YNU Circular 240
Tebay	SD69	1912	A recent unconfirmed record'.	YNU Circular no. 238
Tanfield	SE2678	1912		
			One trapped, ...regarded as probable polecat/ferret	YNU Circular no. 354
Hebden Valley	SD9827	1922		Cooper 1939, Hazelwood 1940
Killerby Hall, Cayton	TA0682	1939	Regarded as probable	

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Grimwith Reservoir	SE0664	c.1935	polecat/ferret One shot as it swam in Grimwith reservoir	Batten 1952
Appletreewick Moor	SE0765	c.1945	Reappeared on the moors above the reservoir	Batten 1952
Forge Valley	SE9886	c.1945		Batten 1952
Malham Moor	SD8867	1945	One trapped. Regarded as polecat/ferret	Hazlewood 1946