

Orchids & Butterflies of Kent

Naturetrek Tour Report

21st – 24th May 2025



Orchis simia



Ophrys fuciflora



Orange-belted Plumehorn Hoverfly – *Volucella inflata*



Large Skipper

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Day 1

Wednesday 21st May

Conningbrook Hotel – Annington – Ashford

Seven group members met with our tour guide, Paul, at 5.00pm in the bar of the Conningbrook Hotel, on the outskirts of Ashford, our base for the three days of the tour. Paul welcomed the group and gave a brief outline of the programme, and the hotel logistics, before we sat down to dinner.

After eating, some of the group joined Paul in a short excursion to the nearby Conningbrook Lakes for a post-dinner amble. Here, we found Canada Goose, Great Crested Grebe, Coot, Herring Gull, Jackdaw, Carrion Crow and a splendid group of about a dozen Common Swifts wheeling around, apparently feeding on the abundant midges. Plants seen included *Typha angustifolia* (Lesser Bulrush), *Galega officinalis* (Goat's Rue), *Salix viminalis* (Osier), *Conium maculatum* (Hemlock) and *Ranunculus acris* (Meadow Buttercup). As most of us had had a long day, we now returned to the hotel and retired for the night.

Day 2

Thursday 22nd May

Samphire Hoe – Folkestone Downs

Breakfast was taken from 7.30am. Paul decided that we would head for the coast, and the Country Park at Samphire Hoe. Set below the cliffs between Folkestone and Dover, this site was created with the chalk-marl spoil created by the excavations for the Channel Tunnel. Following a supermarket visit to buy our lunch, and a drive of about thirty minutes, we arrived in the car park, on a bright, but cloudy morning. Our walk would take us east through an area of vegetated shingle, then west on the path to the south of the railway line. We were searching for one of the Park's special plants, *Ophrys sphegodes* (Early Spider Orchid), and we were lucky to find several still in good condition, although their season was drawing to a close. We also found emerging *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* (Common Spotted Orchid). Barn Swallow, Herring Gull, Carrion Crow, Buzzard, Magpie, Lesser Whitethroat, Skylark, Blackbird, Common Whitethroat and a Stonechat were also recorded, together with Common Blue butterfly.

Exploration of the shingle, at the western end of the Hoe, produced flowering *Crambe maritima* (Sea Kale), *Anthyllis vulneraria* (Kidney Vetch), *Crithmum maritimum* (Rock Samphire) and *Brassica oleracea* (Wild Cabbage), as well as *Glaucium flavum* (Yellow Horned Poppy). In addition, there were many plants of *Polygala vulgaris* (Common Milkwort) and a few spikes of *Orobancha minor* (Common Broomrape). Here we added Painted Lady, Large Skipper and several Small Blue butterflies. We now made our way back towards our vehicle and the visitors centre, where we took our lunch, and visited an exhibition on downland orchids.

After our lunch, we set off for the Folkestone Downs, parking at the first available spot, quite close to our objective. We found four flowering spikes of *Ophrys fuciflora* (Late Spider Orchid), together with three emerging *Orchis anthropophora* (Man Orchid). This site also had *Helianthemum nummularium* (Common Rock-rose), *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* (Common Spotted Orchid) and *Cirsium eriophorum* (Woolly Thistle). Some nice grassland, adjacent to the Iron-age Bowel Barrow at Cherry Garden Hill, produced *Silene dioica* (Red Campion), *Bryonia dioica* (White Bryony) and

Veronica chamaedrys (Germander Speedwell). Birds recorded here included Yellowhammer, Song Thrush and Carrion Crow. We now made our way back towards the Hotel.

Day 3

Friday 23rd May

Sole Street – Yocketts Bank – Park Gate Down

Following a 7.30am breakfast, on a sunny morning, we set off from the hotel, pausing at the local Co-op supermarket to buy our lunch before continuing north on the Canterbury Road. Our objective was the well-known Kent Wildlife Trust reserve at Yocketts Bank. However, we made our first stop on the hill at Sole Street. Parking on the verge, Paul showed us a stand of *Orchis anthropophora* (Man Orchid). In addition, the wooded verge also produced *Sanicula europaea* (Sanicle), *Corylus avellana* (Hazel), *Rumex sanguinea* (Wood Dock) and *Cruciata laevipes* (Cross-wort). Song Thrush and Nightingale were both heard.

Returning to our vehicle, we continued on to Yocketts Bank. Here we found *Lamiastrum galeobdolon* subsp. *montanum* (Yellow Archangel) and a few remnants of *Anemone nemorosa* (Wood Anemone). Our first addition to our orchid list was *Platanthera chlorantha* (Greater Butterfly Orchid), followed by *Orchis purpurea* (Lady Orchid), in good numbers, and *Ophrys insectifera* (Fly Orchid). *Paris quadrifolia* (Herb Paris) and *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* (Common Spotted Orchid) were also found. Blackcap, Wren, Turtle Dove and Robin were heard, and Carrion Crow and Common Buzzard were seen. We also added Speckled Wood, Holly Blue, Green Hairstreak and Brimstone butterflies. Crossing to the other section of the reserve, we added *Cephalanthera damasonium* (White Helleborine).

We now made our way to a second Kent Wildlife reserve called Park Gate Down, where we parked, and ate our lunch under the shade of some marginal trees. After lunch, we set off to explore this chalk grassland site, bordered on two sides by woodland. Here we found a good number of *Orchis simia* (Monkey Orchid). Among them we also found a few remaining *Orchis mascula* (Early Purple Orchid), now well past their best, *Neottia ovata* (Twayblade) and *Platanthera chlorantha* (Greater Butterfly Orchid), and a nice stand of *Aquilegia vulgaris* (Columbine). Blackcap and Chiffchaff were singing, and Whitethroat was seen. We also recorded Common Blue, Adonis Blue and Small Heath butterflies.

We now began to make our way back to our hotel, stopping along the way for afternoon tea and cake at Perry Court Farm Shop.

Day 4

Saturday 24th May

Denge Woods

A wet morning greeted us as we enjoyed another good breakfast, before vacating our rooms and boarding our vehicle. In the car park of our hotel, a Blackbird was singing. Soon we were on our way north, aiming for the extensive Denge Woods.

Parking by the main entrance, we set off up the main track. Early finds were *Dryopteris dilatata* (Broad Buckler-fern), *Pteridium aquilinum* (Bracken) and *Carpinus betulus* (Hornbeam). Blackcap, Coal Tit and Wren were heard as

we went. The trackside produced *Scrophularia nodosa* (Common Figwort) and *Barbarea vulgaris* (Common Winter-cress). Bloody-nose Beetle, Red-eyed Fly and Cinnamon Ground Bug were added as we progressed. It was not too long before our first orchids were found. A couple of *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* (Common Spotted Orchids) were in the grass-lined edges of the track. Further on, we added *Orchis purpurea* (Lady Orchid) and *Platanthera chlorantha* (Greater Butterfly Orchid), as well *Cephalanthera damasonium* (White Helleborine), *Neottia ovata* (Twayblade) and emerging *Gymnadenia conopsea* (Fragrant Orchid). In addition, there were Speckled Yellow, Peacock and Small Purple-barred moths, as well as Pill Woodlouse. As for the butterflies we saw Grizzled Skipper, Green-veined White and Small White.

It was now time to make our way back towards the hotel to prepare for our homeward journeys. However, before that, we stopped for lunch at the Perryhill Farmshop & Tearoom.

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Species lists

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Nomenclature within this list follows the New Flora of the British Isles (2019) by Clive Stace		
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES	
Calamophytes	Horsetails	
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family	
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	Denge Woods
Leptosporangiate Ferns	True Ferns	
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Yockletts Bank
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i> agg.	Golden-scaled Male-fern	Denge Wood
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler-fern	Denge Wood
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	Yockletts Bank
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS	
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	Denge Woods
Taxaceae	Yew Family	
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	Yockletts Bank
ANGIOSPERMS	DICOTYLEDONS	
Eu-Dicots	True Dicotyledons	
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family	
<i>Adoxa moschatellina</i>	Moschatel	Sole Street
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Samphire Hoe
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring Tree	Samphire Hoe
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	Yockletts Bank
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground Elder	Park Gate Down
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Angelica	Denge Wood
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	Sole Street
<i>Conium maculatus</i>	Hemlock	Roadsides
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire	Samphire Hoe
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Samphire Hoe
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Sole Street
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water-dropwort	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Sanicula europaea</i>	Wood Sanicle	Sole Street
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	Denge Wood
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Samphire Hoe
<i>Carduus crispus</i>	Wetted Thistle	Folkestone Downs
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Thistle	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Black Knapweed	Denge Wood
<i>Cirsium acaule</i>	Stemless Thistle	Folkestone Downs
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle	Folkestone Downs
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Park Gate Down
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Yockletts Bank
<i>Crepis vesicaria</i>	Beaked Hawks-beard	Samphire Hoe
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	Ragwort	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort	Sole Street

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye daisy	Samphire Hoe
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-eared Hawkweed	Samphire Hoe
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Samphire Hoe
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Yockletts Bank
<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion	Samphire Hoe
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex aquifolia</i>	Holly	Yockletts Bank
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i> agg	Ivy	Sole Street
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Denge Wood
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	Yockletts Bank
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	Samphire Hoe
<i>Lithospermum officinale</i>	Common Gromwell	Yockletts Bank
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Blue Alkanet	Duckpit Lane
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Sole Street
<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	Common Wintercress	Denge Wood
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	Black Mustard	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Brassica oleraceus</i>	Wild Cabbage	Samphire Hoe
<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Sea Kale	Samphire Hoe
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Duckpit Lane
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Samphire Hoe
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	Samphire Hoe
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Samphire Hoe
<i>Polycarpon tetraphyllum</i>	Four-leaved Allseed	Samphire Hoe
<i>Sagina maritima</i>	Sea Pearlwort	Samphire Hoe
<i>Sagina procumbens</i>	Procumbent Pearlwort	Samphire Hoe
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	Folkestone Downs
<i>Silene latifolia</i> (S.alba)	White Campion	Sole Street
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Sole Street
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	Sole Street
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Yockletts Bank
Celastraceae	Spindle-tree Family	
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle-tree	Sole Street
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rock-rose	Folkestone Downs
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Samphire Hoe
Corylaceae	Hazel Family	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	Yockletts Bank
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Samphire Hoe (in bud)
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	Samphire Hoe (in bud)
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	Samphire Hoe
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	Samphire Hoe
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	Sole Street

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	Samphire Hoe
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	Goat's-rue	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch	Samphire Hoe
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Samphire Hoe
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Restharrow	Samphire Hoe (leaves)
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Yellow Trefoil	Samphire Hoe
<i>Trifolium medium</i>	Zigzag Clover	Park Gate Down (leaves)
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	Samphire Hoe
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>segetalis</i>	Common Vetch	Samphire Hoe
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	Denge Wood
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Yockletts Bank
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Samphire Hoe
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Samphire Hoe
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Samphire Hoe
Hypericaceae	St. John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i>	Hairy St. John's-wort	Samphire Hoe
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St. John's-wort	Yockletts Bank
<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>	Square-stemmed St. John's-wort	Denge Wood
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	Yockletts Bank
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy	Denge Wood
<i>Lamium album</i>	White Deadnettle	Folkestone Downs
<i>Oregano officinalis</i>	Marjoram	Sole Street
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Yockletts Bank
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Purging or Fairy Flax	Samphire Hoe
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Samphire Hoe
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	Folkestone Downs
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Wild Privet	Samphire Hoe
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willowherb	Denge Wood
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Orobanche minor</i> subsp. <i>minor</i>	Common Broomrape	Samphire Hoe
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle	Samphire Hoe
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow-horned Poppy	Samphire Hoe
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Stag's-horn Plantain	Samphire Hoe
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Samphire Hoe
<i>Plantago majus</i>	Greater Plantain	Sole Street
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain	Park Gate Down
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Limonium binervosum</i>	Rock Sea-lavender	Samphire Hoe
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	Samphire Hoe

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Sorrel	Samphire Hoe
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Rumex sanguinea</i>	Wood Dock	Yockletts Bank
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Folkestone Downs
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	Denge Wood
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	Wood Anemone	Yockletts Bank (over)
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine	Park Gate Down
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old-man's-beard	Samphire Hoe
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	Samphire Hoe
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Samphire Hoe
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Denge Wood
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	Folkestone Downs
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Weld	Conningbrook Lakes
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>	Sea Buckthorn	Samphire Hoe
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Folkestone Downs
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Wild Strawberry	Yockletts Bank
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens or Herb Bennet	Denge Wood
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	Denge Wood
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Denge Wood
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> subsp. <i>sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet	Folkestone Downs
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Yockletts Bank
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Yockletts Bank
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg	Dog Rose	Yockletts Bank
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan Giant	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg	Bramble	Denge Wood
<i>Sorbus aria</i> agg	Whitebeam	Crete Road West
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	Yockletts Bank
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Sole Street
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Sole Street
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Sole Street
<i>Rubia peregriana</i>	Wild Madder	Samphire Hoe
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	Conningbrook Lakes
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	Conningbrook Lakes
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Yockletts Bank
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	Denge Wood
Thymalaceae	Mezereon Family	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	Yockletts Bank
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Folkestone Downs
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	Park Gate Down
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	Samphire Hoe
Veronicaceae	Speedwell Family	
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Denge Wood
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	Denge Wood
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Folkestone Downs
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Folkestone Downs
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola odorata</i>	Sweet Violet	Yockletts Bank (leaves)
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	Yockletts Bank (leaves)
Monocotyledons	Monocots	
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords-and-Ladies	Denge Wood
Asparagaceae	Bluebell Family	
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	Yockletts Bank (in fruit)
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Carex divisa</i>	Divided Sedge	Samphire Hoe
<i>Carex divulsa</i>	Grey Sedge	Denge Wood
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge	Folkestone Downs
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Folkestone Downs
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	Denge Wood
Dioscoreaceae	Black Bryony Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Sole Street
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris	Samphire Hoe
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Sea Clubrush	Samphire Hoe
<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Hard Rush	Denge Wood
Melanthiaceae	Herb-Paris Family	
<i>Paris quadrifolia</i>	Herb-Paris	Yockletts Bank
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Folkestone Downs (in bud)
<i>Cephalanthera damasonium</i>	White Helleborine	Yockletts Bank
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	Samphire Hoe
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> var. <i>alba</i>	White Common Spotted Orchid	Samphire Hoe
<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>	Fragrant Orchid	Denge Wood
<i>Neottia ovata</i>	Twayblade	Yockletts Bank
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Samphire Hoe
<i>Ophrys fuciflora</i>	Late Spider Orchid	Folkestone Downs
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>	Fly Orchid	Yockletts Bank
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>	Early Spider Orchid	Samphire Hoe
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Sole Street
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid	Park Gate Down
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	Yockletts Bank
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid	Park Gate Down
<i>Platanthera chlorantha</i>	Greater Butterfly Orchid	Yockletts Bank
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	Park Gate Down
<i>Bromopsis erecta</i>	Upright Brome	Folkestone Downs
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	Denge Wood
<i>Melica uniflora</i>	Wood Mellick	Sole Street

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025		
		22	23	24
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>			✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓	✓
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓		✓
Small Heath	<i>Ceononympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓	✓

Moths

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025		
		22	23	24
White-spotted Sable	<i>Anania funebris</i>			✓
Mint Moth	<i>Pyrausta aurata</i>			✓
Red Twin-spot Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe spadicearia</i>	✓		
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>		✓	
Peacock Moth	<i>Macaria notata</i>			✓
Small Purple-barred	<i>Phytometra viridaria</i>			✓
Silver-Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>		✓	

Other arthropods

Common name	Scientific name	May 2025		
		22	23	24
Cinnamon Ground Bug	<i>Corizus hyoscyami</i>			✓
Forest Bug	<i>Pentatoma rufepes</i>		✓	
a froghopper (red & black)	<i>Cercopis vulneraria</i>			✓
Red-eyed Fly	<i>Dryomyza anilis</i>			✓
Marmalade Hoverfly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>		✓	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>	✓		
Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>	✓	✓	
Soldier Beetle	<i>Cantharis rustica</i>	✓	✓	
Common Cardinal Beetle	<i>Pyrochroa coccinea</i>		✓	
Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinellia 7-punctata</i>	✓		✓
Harlequin Ladybird	<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>		✓	
Green 'Fat-thigh' Beetle	<i>Oedemera nobilis</i>	✓		
Bloody-nose Beetle	<i>Timarcha tenebricosa</i>	✓		
Pill Woodlouse	<i>Armadillidium vulgare</i>	✓	✓	

Molluscs

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		22	23	24
Garden Snail	<i>Cornu aspersum</i>	✓	✓	

Birds (H = Heard only)

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		22	23	24
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓		
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	✓		
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	H	✓	
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		H	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓		
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>		H	
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	H	H	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	✓		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	✓	H	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓		✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	H
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	H	H
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	H	✓	H
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		H	
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		H	H
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	✓		
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓		
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓

Mammals

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		22	23	24
Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>		✓	