

Beginners Botany in Sussex

Naturetrek Tour Report

16th – 20th June 2025



Bee Orchid



Yellow-horned Poppy



The Seven Sisters from Birling Gap



Pyramidal Orchid

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Summary

The aim of this tour was to give the clients a basic understanding of botany in a rich and lovely area of England. The tour covered the main families of flowering plants, together with the basics of grasses, sedges and rushes. It included a little about the identification of plants species, the different plant communities found in a variety of habitats, and plants' adaptations to their environments. Each day a different landscape type was visited, to look at the plants typical of their various habitats. These included Ashdown Forest, Rye Harbour, Beachy Head, Seaford Head and Abbots Wood. Highlights included the stunning landscape at the Seven Sisters, heathers and bog plants in Ashdown Forest, and the vegetated shingle at Rye Harbour. Birds seen included Little Tern, Shag and Woodlark, and we also heard Cuckoo and Reed Warbler. In addition, we enjoyed some spectacular butterflies, such as the Silver-washed Fritillary.

Day 1

Monday 16th June

Hot and sunny, blue sky

Leader Jonathan welcomed the clients at the Tiger Inn, East Dean in the early evening. Jonathan explained the format for the week ahead, and we sat down for a pleasant meal.

Day 2

Tuesday 17th June

Hot and sunny, blue sky

After a hearty breakfast we drove to Ashdown Forest, where our first port of call was Old Lodge, a Sussex Wildlife Trust nature reserve. Here we looked at the three different types of heathers: Common Heather (or Ling), Bell Heather and Cross-leaved Heath. We saw a singing Woodlark, and also heard a Cuckoo and a Willow Warbler. The acid grassland held Tormentil and a variety of grasses, sedges and rushes. We also saw a Belted Galloway cow with a young calf, both of which were being attended to by reserve staff. Our walk back to the van produced a rich roadside flora, including Common Spotted Orchid.

We then drove on to a place known as The Hollies, where we parked and enjoyed our picnic lunch. Afterward, we walked down the slope to a memorial for the crew of a crashed Second World War Wellington bomber. Nearby, a patch of valley mire habitat held the bright yellow spikes of Bog Asphodel and the fluffy heads of Cotton Grass, which were waving in the breeze. Butterflies included Silver-studded Blue (a heathland specialist) and Small Heath. We then returned up the hill to the minibus and made our way back to East Dean. After another enjoyable dinner, we completed the checklist, before retiring for the evening.

Day 3

Wednesday 18th June

Hot and sunny, blue sky with a few clouds; 24°C

Soon after breakfast, we headed off towards Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Upon arrival, we set off on the path onto the reserve. We were soon identifying some of the tall plants growing alongside the path, which included Alexanders, Black Mustard, Bristly Oxtongue and Sea Beet. On the east side of the path, the tidal saltmarsh was dominated by Sea Purslane, a plant adapted to grow in saline conditions. A path off to the west had a flower-rich slope below it, and here we found an abundance of Pyramidal Orchids, a few Common Spotted Orchids, and three lovely Bee Orchids, together with Common Mullein, Goat's Beard and Viper's Bugloss. Numerous butterflies included Marbled White, Meadow Brown, and Small Skippers.

We walked on to the reserve visitor centre and cafe, where we enjoyed an early lunch. From the centre windows we picked out Glasswort growing on the edges of the shallow pools on the reserve. Beyond the visitor centre, a fenced strip of vegetated shingle held plants typical of this habitat, including Sea Kale and Yellow-horned Poppy. Further on, we found a large patch of Rottingdean Sea-lavender. At the mouth of the tidal River Rother, we observed a single Grey Seal peering out of the water. Inland, several Rabbits were seen frolicking inside the reserve fence, and we found some patches of Biting Stonecrop close to the path. Shorebirds with young included several pairs of noisy Oystercatchers, Common Terns and Sandwich Terns. We also saw a few pairs of diminutive Little Terns returning with small fish for their young.

Due to the hot weather, we made a return visit to the café for cold drinks and ice cream, before making the long return journey to East Dean. In the evening, we enjoyed a delicious dinner and then completed the checklist, before heading to bed.

Day 4

Thursday 19th June

Hazy at first, then hot and sunny, blue sky; up to 28°C

After breakfast, we drove the short distance to Beachy Head, overlooking Eastbourne and the English Channel. The focus of the day was the flora of chalk downland. We began by looking at the tall grassland behind the car park, where we found a few Pyramidal Orchids among the Hedge Woundwort and Lady's Bedstraw. We then crossed the road to follow the cliff-top path, alongside which we found several Bee Orchids, together with Common Centaury, Common and Greater Knapweeds, Meadow Scabious, Rest Harrow and Wild Thyme. We descended to a memorial to the crews of Bomber Command, whose last sight of England as they headed off to Germany was the chalk cliffs of Beachy Head.

On a wave-cut platform of rocks below was a group of about forty Grey Seals, including some large young, which were quite vocal. Butterflies were actively feeding on the wildflowers, and we noted Marbled White, Common Blue and Small Skipper, together with numerous Meadow Browns. In addition, we saw a few Five-spot Burnet moths whizzing around. From the memorial, we obtained good views of the Beachy Head lighthouse, which was rather photogenic.

After a quick cup of coffee at the kiosk, we travelled further west and parked at Birling Gap, a popular 'honeypot' for tourists. Some members of the group walked up the hill to the Belle Tout lighthouse, and plants seen en route included Dropwort, Scotch Rose and Wild Mignonette. Looking back inland over the rolling farmland, a Kestrel and a few Common Buzzards were soaring, whilst flocks of Linnets frequented the patches of Common Gorse. We ate our lunch at the National Trust café, after which we were glad to leave the 'madding crowd' and head westwards, crossing the scenic Cuckmere Valley, before cutting back to the cliff top at Seaford Head.

From the small Seaford Barn car park, we walked downhill to a row of coastguards' cottages, from which we obtained a fine view of the iconic chalk cliffs of the Seven Sisters in the distance. In the foreground we could see large clumps of Viper's Bugloss growing along the banks of the River Cuckmere, and the meandering river and pools below had attracted a family of Mute Swans, several Little Egrets and one or two Lapwings. On our return to the minibus, several butterflies were noted, enjoying the afternoon sunshine. These included Comma, Red Admiral, Peacock, Brimstone, Common Blue, Small Heath and Large Skipper.

Later that evening, at dinner in the Tiger Inn, we were delighted to see Red Snapper on the menu, which proved to be unanimously popular and extremely delicious! Once dinner was over, we completed the checklist and then headed back to our rooms to finish packing, ahead of departure the next day.

Day 5

Friday 20th June

Hot and sunny, with scattered clouds; up to 28°C

Having finished another excellent breakfast, we checked out of the Tiger Inn and made the short (half hour) journey to Abbots Wood, near Polegate. The site derives its name from when the woodland was gifted to Battle Abbey by Henry I, and was overseen by their Abbot. We set off on the 'Abbot's Amble' route. Initially, this passed through an area dominated by Hornbeam, Pedunculate Oak, Sweet Chestnut and Silver Birch trees, with some Wild Cherry. There was a good selection of Ancient Woodland indicator species, including Bluebell, Primrose, Common Dog Violet, Wood Sedge and Wood Melick. Ditches lining the edge of the surfaced path had damper soil, supporting Burdock, Meadowsweet, Great Willowherb, Gypsywort, Silverweed and Water Pepper.

Eventually we reached a crossroad where several woodland rides intersected, and the broad, sunny margins proved attractive to butterflies. These included Red Admiral, Meadow Brown, Speckled Wood and our only Silver-washed Fritillaries of the tour. Further on, we came to a pool with a fringe of Common Reed, in which a Reed Warbler was singing. Floating vegetation included the yellow-flowered Fringed Waterlily and the blue-flowered Pickerel Weed (an invasive non-native species). Here we found a few species of dragonfly, including Broad-bodied Chaser and Common Bluet. Continuing our walk, we encountered some additional woodland plants, including Butcher's Broom, Wood Spurge and Wood Millet, before returning to the car park.

Our lunch venue was the Arlington Tea Garden, just around the corner from the woods. Here we found a shady spot and enjoyed our last meal together. We were joined by a very tame Robin, which was keen to share our sandwiches! Then it was time to head back to East Dean, where we said our goodbyes and ended our very enjoyable week of botanising in sunny East Sussex.

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Species lists

Plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
AF = Ashdown Forest, RH = Rye Harbour, BH = Beachy Head, AW = Abbots Wood		
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES	
Leptosporangiate Ferns	True Ferns	
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family	
<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	BH
Athyriaceae	Lady-fern Family	
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady-fern	AF
Blechnaceae	Hard-fern Family	
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard-fern	AF
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	AF
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family	
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i> agg.	Golden-scaled Male-fern	
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male-fern	AF
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS	
Cupressaceae	Juniper Family	
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Western Red Cedar	AW
Pinaceae	Pine Family	
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	AW
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	AF
Taxaceae	Yew Family	
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	AW
ANGIOSPERMS	DICOTYLEDONS	
Pre-Dicots	Primitive Angiosperms	
Nymphaeaceae	Water-lily Family	
<i>Nyphar lutea</i>	Yellow Water-lily	AW
Eu-Dicots	True Dicotyledons	
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	RH
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	AW
Amaranthaceae	Goosefoot Family	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea Beet	RH
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat Hen	BH
<i>Salicornia</i> agg.	Glasswort or Samphire	RH
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground Elder	AW
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	RH, BH
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	BH, AW
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water Dropwort	AW
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	Burnet Saxifrage	BH
<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	RH
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock	RH
Asteraceae	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	AF, BH
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	RH
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	AF, BH
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Thistle	RH
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Black Knapweed	AF
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Greater Knapweed	RH
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	BH

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<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	AF
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	RH, BH
<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>	Marsh Cudweed	AW
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-ear	AF
<i>Jacobaea erucifolius</i>	Hoary Ragwort	AW
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	Ragwort	AF
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye daisy	AF, BH
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple Weed	RH
<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Common Fleabane	RH, AW
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	AW
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	RH, BH
<i>Taraxacum</i> agg.	Dandelion	ED
<i>Tragapogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard	RH, BH
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	RH
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex aquifolia</i>	Holly	AF
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i> agg.	Ivy	AF, AW
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	AF, AW
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy Birch	AF, AW
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	AW
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	AF, RH, BH
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not	AF
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-not	AW
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	AF
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	Black Mustard	RH, BH
<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Sea Kale	RH
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	AW
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell	AF
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	AF, AW
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	AF
<i>Halimione portulacoides</i>	Sea Purslane	RH
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	AW
<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	AW
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	BH
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort	AF
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	AW
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rockrose	AF
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	AF, RH
<i>Calystegia silvatica</i>	Great Bindweed	RH
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	AW
Corylaceae	Hazel Family	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	AF, AW
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	RH

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Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	RH
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	BH
Ericaceae	Heather Family	
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Ling or Common Heather	AF
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell Heather	AF
<i>Erica tetralix</i>	Cross-leaved Heath	AF
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	AF
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	AW
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	AW
Fabaceae	Pea Family	
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Common Gorse	AF
<i>Ulex minor</i>	Dwarf Gorse	AF
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	AF, RH
<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Everlasting Pea	RH, BH
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Yellow Vetchling	AF
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	AF, BH
<i>Lotus pedunculatus</i>	Large Bird's-foot Trefoil	AW
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	AF, RH, BH
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Restharrow	BH
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	RH, BH
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	AF, RH, BH
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	AF, RH, BH
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>segetalis</i>	Common Vetch	AF, RH, BH
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut	AF, AW
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	AF, AW
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	AF, AW
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow-wort	BH
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	BH
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	RH
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	AF
Hypericaceae	St. John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum maculatum</i>	Imperforate St. John's-wort	AF, BH
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	BH
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	Gypsywort	AW
<i>Oregano officinalis</i>	Marjoram	AF, RH, BH
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	AF, RH, BH
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	AF
<i>Thymus drucei</i>	Wild Thyme	BH
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Purging or Fairy Flax	BH
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	AF
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	AF
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Wild Privet	BH, AW
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family	
<i>Chamaenerion angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb	BH
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's Nightshade	AW

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<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willowherb	AW
<i>Oenothera stricta</i>	Fragrant Evening Primrose	RH
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Glaucium flavum</i>	Yellow-horned Poppy	RH
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Corn Poppy	AF
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i> agg	Hay Rattle	RH, BH
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	RH, BH
<i>Plantago majus</i>	Greater Plantain	AF, BH
Plumbaginaceae	Thrift Family	
<i>Limonium hyblaenum</i>	Rottingdean Sea Lavender	RH
Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family	
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	AF, BH
<i>Polygala calcarea</i>	Chalk Milkwort	BH
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Sorrel	AF
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel	AF
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	AF
<i>Persicaria hydropiper</i>	Water Pepper	AW
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Lysimachia (Anagallis) arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	AF, BH
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old-man's-beard	AF, AW
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	AF, BH
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	AF
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	RH, BH
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	BH
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family	
<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>	Sea Buckthorn	RH
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	AF, RH
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	AW
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	Dropwort	BH
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	AF, AW
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	AF
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	BH
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i> subsp. <i>sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet	BH
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	AW
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	AF
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg	Dog Rose	BH
<i>Rosa spinosissima</i>	Burnet Rose	BH
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg	Bramble	AF
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	AF
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	AW
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	AF, BH
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	RH
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	BH
<i>Galium saxatile</i>	Heath Bedstraw	AF, BH
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	AW
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow	AF
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	AW

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<i>Salix repens</i>	Creeping Willow	
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	AF
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	AW
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	AW
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Common Mullein	RH
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	RH, BH
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	RH
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family	
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	RH, BH
Veronicaceae	Speedwell Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	BH
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	AF
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	AF
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	AW
Monocots	Monocotyledons	
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family	
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons	AW
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords-and-Ladies	AW
Asparagaceae	Bluebell Family	
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	AF
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's-broom	AW
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common Bent	All
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	AF, BH
<i>Avenella flexuosa</i>	Wavy Hair	AF
<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	RH
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	All
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep's Fescue	BH
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	All
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	AF, RH, BH
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	RH, BH
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	All
<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	Purple Moor-grass	AF
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	Mat-grass	AF
<i>Phleum bertolonii</i>	Smaller Cat's-tail	BH
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	RH, AW
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass	AF
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family	
<i>Carex demissa</i>	Common Yellow Sedge	AF
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	AF
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	AW
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	Common Cottongrass	AF
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad Rush	AF
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	AF
<i>Juncus conglomeratus</i>	Compact Rush	AF
Nartheciaceae	Bog Asphodel family	
<i>Narthecium ossifragum</i>	Bog Asphodel	AF

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Dioscoreaceae	Black Bryony Family	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	BH
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris	RH, BH, AW
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	RH, BH
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	AF, RH, AW
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	BH

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025				
		16	17	18	19	20
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓		
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				✓	
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			✓	✓	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>					✓
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		H			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>				✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H			
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		✓			
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			✓	✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			✓		
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				✓	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			✓		
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓		
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			✓		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓		
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>			✓		
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓	✓	
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>			✓		
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>			✓	✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓		
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>				✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓			
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>				H	
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓		H	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓		✓	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓			
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		H			
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓			✓

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Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>				✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		✓			
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓	✓	
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓		
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		H			
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓			✓
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>			✓		H
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓			✓
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		✓			
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			✓		
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			✓	✓	
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓		✓
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					✓
Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>					✓
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓		✓	✓
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>					
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	
European Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</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>		✓		✓	✓
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			✓		

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025				
		16	17	18	19	20
Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>					✓
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			✓	✓	
Western Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>		✓			
Atlantic Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>			1	40	

Reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025				
		16	17	18	19	20
Common Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>		✓			

Butterflies

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		16	17	18	19	20
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>				✓	
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>			✓	✓	
Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>					✓
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>		✓			
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓	✓	
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>					✓
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Speyeria aglaja</i>				✓	
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓		✓	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓	✓	✓
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>				✓	
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>				✓	
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓	✓		✓
Common Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>			✓	✓	
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓

Moths

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025				
		16	17	18	19	20
Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>				✓	
Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>			✓	✓	

Damselflies & dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025				
		16	17	18	19	20
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calypteryx virgo</i>		✓			
Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>					✓
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>					✓

Ladybirds

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025				
		16	17	18	19	20
Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinellia 7-punctata</i>				✓	
Five-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinellia 5-punctata</i>				✓	