

Orchids & Other Wildlife of the Chilterns

Naturetrek Tour Report

11th – 13th May 2022



Common Crane by Lynne Demaine



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Summary

This Orchids and Other Wildlife of the Chilterns trip covered a range of locations and was very successful with 13 species of orchid recorded, some in great profusion, as well as Lady x Monkey orchid hybrids. Other notable wildflowers were Pasqueflowers and Field Fleawort. Although the main focus was orchids we also recorded nearly 80 species of birds including a Crane family with chicks and 11 species of butterfly.

The weather was mixed but didn't dampen our spirits in appreciating the best of the Chilterns at this time of year.

Day 1

Wednesday 11th May

Ten very keen Naturetrek clients met up with first Bruce and then Duncan at the Lambert Arms near Aston Rowant at 10am. Introductions made and the day's itinerary explained, by 10.30 we were on our way to our first location at Totternhoe which is towards the north of the Chiltern Hills. After around an hour's drive we parked in the car park and immediately heard and saw Corn Bunting as we exited the vans: a good start to the bird list. With light rain falling, butterflies were going to be hard to find, but Bruce found the first botanical highlight of the day in Field Mouse-ear which looks superficially like Greater Stitchwort, but is much rarer.

We walked up to the Norman castle mound with its outstanding views, and it was here that our first orchids were also seen, in the form of Common Twayblades. Below the castle mound we successfully located two Man Orchids and also the leaves of Common Spotted. After our successful start, we walked down to the Cross Keys Inn nearby for lunch and a reviving coffee.

After lunch we headed off to the northern tip of the Chilterns and Knocking Hoe. From the parked vans we took the footpath to the reserve, finding lots of Hound's-tongue on our way, and in the Beech woodland our first White Helleborines.

Walking out onto Knocking Hoe we saw the rare Field Fleawort and good numbers of Pasqueflowers. The Burnt Orchids had just started to flower, including one particularly fine specimen which was well photographed. Whitethroat was calling and Skylarks were singing and on the walk back to the vans Green Woodpeckers were heard yaffling. Although the sat nav took us on an interesting route on the M25, we were back at the hotel just after 6pm and started our trip checklist.

Day 2

Thursday 12th May

Bright and sunny after the previous day's rain, the first good birds of the day were seen by Ron and Lynne from their room and announced at breakfast – a pair of Grey Partridge in the field behind the hotel.

Just as we were about to set off from the hotel for Goring at the very southern edge of the Chilterns a male Kestrel performed beautifully with a prey item in its talons. En route Swallows, Swifts and House Martins were all seen.

From the car park at Goring, we walked along the Thames Path to Hartslock Ridge with its famous orchids, seeing Green-veined White, Orange Tip and Brimstone butterflies and a few male Banded Demoiselles. Hartslock Ridge was amazing, with lots of the hybrid Lady x Monkey Orchids, a single Lady Orchid and good numbers of Monkey Orchids all in good condition. There was also Bee Orchid in bud and a few Pasqueflowers were open in the sunshine. We added Dingy Skipper, Common Blue and Green Hairstreak to our butterfly list. Lunch was at the Dog and Badger at Medmenham, only a mile away from Homefield Wood, a great site with a nice mix of orchids including Military, which were in peak condition, Fly Orchids, Broad-leaved Helleborines in leaf and, after much searching, Bruce found a single Bird's-nest Orchid. We had a good walk round; Firecrest was singing and showed very well, if briefly, in the lower canopy. A great way to end a very productive day.

Day 3

Friday 13th May

For our third and final day, we left the hills of the Chilterns to visit Otmoor where a fabulous RSPB reserve has been created from what was essentially farmland. Arriving at the carpark, some debate about a singing warbler was resolved when a calling male Blackcap was seen. Soon we were seeing and hearing a multitude of Sedge Warblers and, remarkably, two Cetti's Warblers also gave incredible views. Lapwings were added to the list and parties of hirundines were also seen. The avian highlight had to be the Cranes which had bred there and were escorting two large balls of fluff around the marsh.

Carrying on our tour of the reserve, Lynne picked up a good bird – a male Garganey – and this was joined by a female, seen together in flight. Cuckoo was seen by a few but we all saw the Spoonbill, albeit at some distance. A female Marsh Harrier quartered the reedbeds and a Lesser Whitethroat rattled from a hedgerow. An oddly plumaged duck was identified as a leucistic Pochard which stood out from its normal cousins.

With the sun breaking through, a good number of Azure and Common Blue Damselfly were seen, especially by Roger, and Hairy Dragonfly was also seen in the ditches. This in turn brought out the Hobbies and up to four birds were seen hunting.

Lunch was taken in beautiful weather at the nearby Abingdon Arms, and apart from an incident when an umbrella decided to take off, it all went smoothly.

The final stop of the trip was to Bernwood Meadows, approximately 15 minutes away. It was carpeted with thousands of Green-Winged Orchids of many different hues, including some beautiful white ones which are quite unusual. Also seen, once you got your eye in, was a good number of Adders-Tongue Ferns. Sadly we had to wrap up the tour, constrained somewhat by transport logistics, but it had been very enjoyable all round.

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Species lists

Plants (* = Very localised distribution or endemic; [] = Planted or Naturalised)

Nomenclature contained within this list follows the New Flora of the British Isles (4th edn) by Clive Stace

Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & ALLIES	
Ophioglossaceae <i>Ophioglossum vulgatum</i>	Adder's-tongue Fern Adder's-tongue	Bernwood Meadows
Athyriaceae <i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady-fern Family Lady-fern	Homefield Wood
Dennstaedtiaceae <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Family Bracken	Homefield Wood
Dryopteridaceae <i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> <i>Polystichum setiferum</i>	Buckler-fern Family Male-fern Soft Shield-fern	Homefield Wood Homefield Wood
Equisetaceae <i>Equisetum arvense</i> <i>Equisetum telmateia</i>	Horsetail Family Field Horsetail Greater Horsetail	Otmoor Dog and Badger Garden
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS	
Pinaceae	Pine Family	

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<i>[Picea abies]</i>	Norway Spruce	Homefield Wood
<i>[Pinus sylvestris]</i>	Scots Pine	Homefield Wood
<i>[Tsuga heterophylla]</i>	Western Hemlock	Homefield Wood
Taxaceae	Yew Family	
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	Homefield Wood
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS	
Eu-Dicots	True Dicotyledons	
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elderberry	Totternhoe
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring Tree	Totternhoe
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	Totternhoe
Amaranthaceae (Chenopodiaceae)	Pigweed Family	
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-hen	Hotel
Apiaceae	Carrot Family	
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	Totternhoe
<i>Conium maculatum</i> (leaves only)	Hemlock	Totternhoe
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Totternhoe
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Goring
<i>Smyrniolus olusatrum</i>	Alexanders	Road sides
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	Upright Hedge Parsley	Knocking Hoe
Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family	
<i>[Vinca major]</i>	Greater Periwinkle	Goring
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Goring
Araliaceae	Ivy Family	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Goring
Betulaceae	Birch Family	
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	Goring
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Totternhoe
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	Totternhoe
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	Knocking Hoe
Boraginaceae	Forget-me-not Family	
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	Borage	Road sides
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Hound's-tongue	Knocking Hoe
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not	Totternhoe
<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>	Early Forget-me-not	Goring
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-not	Goring
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Green Alkanet	Hotel
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	Phacelia	Beside pig fields
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Road sides
<i>Arabis thaliana</i>	Thale Cress	Goring

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<i>Brassica napus</i>	Oil-seed Rape	Road sides
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse	Goring
<i>Cardamine hirsuta</i>	Hairy Bitter-cress	Goring
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Cuckoo Flower	Bernwood Meadows
<i>Coronopus didymus</i>	Lesser Swine-cress	Goring
<i>Draba verna</i>	Whitlow-grass	Goring
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Honesty	Road sides
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	Road sides
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	Goring
<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	Winter-cress	Otmoor
Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family	
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Clustered Bellflower	Hartslock
Cannabaceae	Hemp Family	
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Hop	Goring
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle	Totternhoe
<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	Common Corn salad	Goring
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Red Valerian	Goring
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i> subsp. <i>serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	Knocking Hoe
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	Totternhoe
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	Totternhoe
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear	Totternhoe
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in-Summer	Totternhoe
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	Goring
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	Totternhoe
<i>Silene vulgaris</i> (leaves only)	Bladder Campion	Totternhoe
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	Homefield Wood
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	Totternhoe
Celastraceae	Spindle-tree Family	
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle	Totternhoe
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Rock-rose	Knocking Hoe
Compositae (Asteraceae)	Daisy Family	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> (leaves only)	Yarrow	Totternhoe
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Lesser Burdock	Totternhoe
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> (leaves only)	Mugwort	Goring
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Goring
<i>Carlina vulgaris</i> (dead flower heads only)	Carlina Thistle	Knocking Hoe
<i>Centaurea nigra</i> (leaves only)	Knapweed	Totternhoe
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i> (leaves only)	Greater Knapweed	Knocking Hoe
<i>Cirsium acaule</i>	Dwarf Thistle	Knocking Hoe
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	Totternhoe
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Knocking Hoe
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Goring
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> (leaves only)	Ox-eye Daisy	Totternhoe

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<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel	Goring
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	Common Ragwort	Goring
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sowthistle	Goring
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sowthistle	Goring
<i>Taraxacum agg</i>	Dandelion	Totternhoe
<i>Tephrosieris integrifolia</i>	Field Fleawort	Knocking Hoe
<i>Tragapogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard	Goring
<i>Lactuca virosa</i> (leaves only)	Great Lettuce	Goring
<i>Tephrosieris integrifolia</i>	Field Fleawort	Knocking Hoe
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i> (leaves only)	Hedge Bindweed	Otmoor
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i> (leaves only)	Field Bindweed	Goring
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Common Dodder	Hartslock
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Homefield Wood
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family	
<i>Crassula helmsii</i>	New Zealand Pigmy-weed	Otmoor
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family	
<i>Bryonia dioica</i>	White Bryony	Totternhoe
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel	Goring
<i>Knautia arvensis</i> (leaves only)	Field Scabious	Knocking Hoe
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i> (leaves only)	Small Scabious	Totternhoe
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family	
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i>	Wood Spurge	Homefield Wood
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	Annual Mercury	Totternhoe
Fagaceae	Beech Family	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Homefield Wood
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	Goring
Gentianaceae	Gentian Family	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliate</i> (leaves only)	Yellow-wort	Knocking Hoe
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-bill	Goring
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Hotel
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill	Goring
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Totternhoe
<i>Geranium rotundifolium</i>	Round-leaved Crane's-bill	Totternhoe village
Hypericaceae	St. John's-wort Family	
<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i> (leaves only)	Hairy St. John's-wort	Hartslock
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> (leaves only)	Perforate St. John's-wort	Totternhoe
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family	
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	Knocking Hoe

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<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	Totternhoe
<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	Yellow Archangel	Hartslock
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-nettle	Otmoor
<i>Oregano officinalis</i> (leaves only)	Marjoram	Knocking Hoe
<i>Thymus drucei</i> (<i>polytrichus</i>)	Wild Thyme	Knocking Hoe
Leguminosae (Fabaceae)	Pea Family	
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch	Knocking Hoe
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	Roadsides
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Totternhoe
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	Otmoor
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Totternhoe
<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	Ribbed Melilot	Goring
<i>Ononis repens</i> (leaves only)	Restharrow	Totternhoe
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	Totternhoe
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	Otmoor
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Knocking Hoe
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. <i>segetalis</i>	Common Vetch	Knocking Hoe
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	Otmoor
Linaceae	Flax Family	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Purging or Fairy Flax	Hartslock
Malvaceae	Mallow Family	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i> (leaves only)	Common Mallow	Goring
Onagraceae	Evening Primrose Family	
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i> (leaves only)	Enchanter's Nightshade	Homefield Wood
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family	
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle	Bernwood Meadows
Oxalidaceae	Wood Sorrel Family	
[<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>]	Procumbent Yellow Oxalis	Goring
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	Goring
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Totternhoe
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	Goring
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Goring
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Goring
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Totternhoe
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Totternhoe
<i>Veronica chaemaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Hartslock
<i>Veronica montana</i>	Wood Speedwell	Totternhoe
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Totternhoe
Polygonaceae	Knotweed Family	
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	Goring
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Otmoor
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	Totternhoe

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<i>Rumex Sanguineus</i>	Wood Dock	Knocking Hoe
Primulaceae	Primrose Family	
<i>Lysimachia (Anagallis) arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	Otmoor
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Knocking Hoe
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose	Hartslock
<i>Primula vulgaris x veris</i>	False Oxslip	Hartslock
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family	
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	Knocking Hoe
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	Lesser Celandine	Otmoor
<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	Pasqueflower	Knocking Hoe
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	Totterhoe
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	Totterhoe
<i>Ranunculus flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort	Bernwood Meadows
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Otmoor
Resedaceae	Mignonette Family	
<i>Reseda alba</i>	White Mignonette	Totterhoe
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i> (leaves only)	Agrimony	Knocking Hoe
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Totterhoe
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Totterhoe
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Totterhoe
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	Totterhoe
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	Knocking Hoe
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Totterhoe
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Totterhoe
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	Homefield Wood
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	Totterhoe
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Field Madder	Totterhoe
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow	Otmoor
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	Otmoor
<i>Salix viminalis</i>	Osier	Otmoor
Sapindaceae	Maple Family	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	Knocking Hoe
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	Knocking Hoe
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Totterhoe
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family	
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	Goring
Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family	
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	Knocking Hoe
Ulmaceae	Elm Family	
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych Elm	Homefield Wood

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<i>Ulmus procera</i>	Common Elm	Otmoor
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-Wall	Abingdon Arms
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle	Totternhoe
Violaceae	Violet Family	
<i>Viola hirta</i>	Hairy Violet	Totternhoe
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog Violet	Totternhoe
Monocots	Monocotyledons	
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family	
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	Knocking Hoe
<i>Hyacinthoides xmassartiana</i>	Hybrid Bluebell	Goring
<i>Leucojum vernum</i>	Spring Flake	Goring
Araceae	Arum Family	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Cuckoo Pint	Totternhoe
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Small Duckweed	Knocking Hoe
Dioscoreaceae	Black Bryony Family	
<i>Dioscorea (Tamus) communis</i>	Black Bryony	Totternhoe
Iridaceae	Iris Family	
<i>Iris foetidissima</i> (leaves only)	Stinking Iris or Gladdon	Totternhoe
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Iris	Otmoor
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family	
<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid	Bernwood Meadows
<i>Cephalanthera damasonium</i>	White Helleborine	Homefield Wood
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> (leaves only)	Common Spotted Orchid	Totternhoe
<i>Epipactis helleborine</i> (leaves only)	Broad-leaved Helleborine	Homefield Wood
<i>Neottia ovata</i>	Twayblade	Totternhoe
<i>Neotinea ustulata</i>	Burnt Orchid	Knocking Hoe
<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	Bird's-nest Orchid	Homefield Wood
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Hartslock
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>	Fly Orchid	Homefield Wood
<i>Orchis anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid	Totternhoe
<i>Orchis militaris</i>	Military Orchid	Homefield Wood
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid	Hartslock
<i>Orchis purpurea x simia</i>	Lady x Monkey Orchid	Hartslock
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid	Hartslock
Poaceae	Grass Family	
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail	Otmoor
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False-oat Grass	Otmoor
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome	Totternhoe
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	Knocking Hoe
<i>Bromus erectus</i>	Upright Brome	Knocking Hoe
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft Brome	Otmoor
<i>Bromus sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	Otmoor
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	Goring

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<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Tufted Hair-grass	Otmoor
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep's Fescue	Knocking Hoe
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	Otmoor
<i>Hordeum distichon</i>	Two-rowed Barley	Goring
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	Goring
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	Hotel
<i>Milium effusum</i>	Wood Millet	Homefield Wood
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	Otmoor
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Otmoor
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	Goring
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Smooth Meadow-grass	Totternhoe
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass	Otmoor
Cyperaceae		
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>	Lesser Pond Sedge	Otmoor
<i>Carex caryophyllea</i>	Spring Sedge	Knocking Hoe
<i>Carex divulsa</i>	Grey Sedge	Goring
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge	Totternhoe
<i>Carex hirta</i>	Hairy Sedge	Otmoor
<i>Carex leporina</i>	Oval Sedge	Otmoor
<i>Carex tomentosa</i>	Downy-fruited Sedge	Hartslock (very rare)
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Otmoor
<i>Carex remota</i>	Remote Sedge	Otmoor
<i>Carex riparia</i>	Greater Pond Sedge	Otmoor
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	Homefield Wood
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Common Spike-rush	Otmoor
Juncaceae		
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Knocking Hoe
<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Hard Rush	Knocking Hoe
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	Field Woodrush	Otmoor
Typhaceae		
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Lesser Reedmace	Otmoor
Fungi		
<i>Melanopus squamosus</i>	Dryad's Saddle	
<i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i>	Chicken in the woods	Homefield Wood

Birds (H = Heard only, I = Introduced)

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			11	12	13
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			✓
2	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓
3	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>		✓	✓
4	Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>			✓
5	Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>			✓
6	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			✓
7	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓
8	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>			✓

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9	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>			✓
10	Mandarin	<i>Aix galericulata</i>			✓
11	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓
12	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			✓
13	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			✓
14	Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>		✓	
15	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>		✓	
16	Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓	
17	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			✓
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓
19	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓
20	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>			✓
21	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucordia</i>			✓
22	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓
23	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓
24	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			✓
25	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓	✓	✓
26	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓
27	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓
28	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			✓
29	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			✓
30	Little-ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓
31	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			✓
32	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			✓
33	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓
34	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓
35	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓		
36	European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓
37	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓		✓
38	Rock Dove/ Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓
39	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓
40	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓		
41	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			✓
42	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			✓
43	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			✓
44	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	H	H	
45	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓
46	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			✓
47	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓		
48	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓
49	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓
50	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓		
51	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓
52	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	
53	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓
54	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓
55	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	✓	✓	✓
56	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓
57	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>			✓
58	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>			✓
59	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	

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60	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓	
61	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	H	H	✓
62	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓
63	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓	
64	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	
65	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		H	
66	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓
67	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓
68	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓	✓	✓
69	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	✓	✓	
70	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓	✓	✓
71	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓
72	Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	H		✓
73	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓
74	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓	
75	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓
76	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓
77	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	
78	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓
79	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓		
Mammals					
1	European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> l	✓	✓	✓
2	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			3
3	Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i> l			3
4	Reeve's Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i> l			2
5	Eurasian Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i> l			7
Amphibians & Reptiles					
1	Slow worm	<i>Anguis fragilis</i> (dead)		D	
Butterflies					
1	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓	
2	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	
3	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>		✓	✓
4	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓	✓
5	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓
6	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓	
7	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓
8	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓
9	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>		✓	✓
10	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>			✓
11	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	

Other Invertebrates

Blue-tailed Damselfly, *Ischnura elegans*

Hairy Dragonfly, *Brachytron pratense*

Common Blue Damselfly, *Enallagma cyathigerum*

Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera*

Sailor Beetle, *Cantharis rustica*

Glow-worm, *Lampyrus noctiluca*

Beautiful Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*

Azure Damselfly, *Coenagrion puella*

Large Red Damselfly, *Pyrhysma nymphala*

White-tailed Bumble Bee, *Bombus lucorum*

May fly sp. *Ephemeroptera* sp.

Six-spott Burnet, *Zygaena filipendulae*