

# Somerset's Summer Wildlife

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 6th June 2025

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Batman Hoverfly



Roe Deer



Garden Chafer



Grass Snake

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## Summary

Covering a range of habitats in the Mendip Hills, the Quantocks and the Somerset Levels, our tour was based in North Somerset, comprising day trips to each region of the county. Despite unseasonably cool, wet and windy conditions, which affected some of our targets, we were able to enjoy a range of wildlife. Birds, plants and invertebrates were the main interests of the group, and we had a wealth of species to enjoy. Some of the many highlights included Pied Flycatcher, Great Crested Grebe with chicks, nesting Avocets and Little Ringed Plovers, Adder and Grass Snake, Green Hairstreak and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Bee and Greater Butterfly Orchids, Cheddar Pink, Great Green Bush-Cricket, Batman Hoverfly, and Lesser Stag Beetle.

## Day 1

Tuesday 3rd June

### Batch Country House Hotel

The group and leaders convened for a meeting at 6.00pm to discuss the plans for the following few days, and we had our first dinner together and set the moth trap. The forecast was mixed for the duration of the trip, but we had a window of opportunity to see what invertebrates were in the garden. We also checked the grounds with Oliver's thermal monocular, and soon located a male Roe Deer and two jumping Brown Hares. A pair of Mute Swans had made a nest in the ditch in the garden, and they appeared to have four cygnets. A Grey Heron dropped in too, but unfortunately no bats appeared to emerge.

## Day 2

Wednesday 4th June

### Quantock Hills and Steart Marshes

We met at 6.00am by the trap and talked about the process of working through the contents. It had been cool overnight, but the wind had dropped, and there had not been any rain either. The catch was smaller than expected, but decent enough to keep us busy before breakfast. We caught some nice species, including Common Swift, Figure of Eighty, Flame and Shuttle-shaped Dart. We also identified two craneflies *Tipula oleracea* and *Nephrotoma quadrifaria*, a spider *Tenuiphantes tenuis*, and a caddisfly *Limnephilus marmoratus*.

After breakfast, we headed to the Quantock Hills and walked the beautiful valley at Hodders Combe. It was still cool, and the dawn chorus was limited, but soon we spotted a family of Nuthatches, Goldcrest, Grey Wagtail and a young Pied Flycatcher being fed by its parent. We ended up with several flycatchers and a male Common Redstart. The morning was more about the other species we found, and it was great to spend time looking at the less well-known species. We spent time exploring the river and found River Limpet, plenty of cased caddisflies (which protect their larvae with stones attached to larger rocks: amazing!) and several stonefly larvae, an exuvium and a live adult of what we believed was a Common Medium Stonefly.

For lunch, we enjoyed relaxing at the strangely-named heathland area of Dead Woman's Ditch, before walking to the nearby viewpoint at Black Hill, where we could gaze across the Bristol Channel towards Wales and much of

North Somerset. Here, we encountered a pair of Dartford Warblers, with the female feeding fledged youngsters. Meadow Pipits were displaying, and Linnets were singing from various high perches too.

For the last few hours of the day, we dropped down to Steart Marshes and enjoyed a walk, seeing breeding Avocets, Little Ringed Plovers and Oystercatchers. Sedge and Reed Warblers, Reed Bunting and Skylark were the best of the passerines.

## Day 3

Thursday 5th June

### Ham Wall and Polden Hills

Our second full day was spent visiting the Somerset Levels and the Polden Hills. This rich area has a fascinating history; the marshes were originally drained for farming and peat extraction, and now the resource has been largely exhausted, they are being returned to wetlands once again. We started the morning at Ham Wall in showery conditions; however, in some ways this was an opportunity, as we were often able to enjoy and identify any invertebrate life we discovered without it flying off! We enjoyed several great species, including Two-spot Ladybird, Orange-marked Crane-fly, Common Scorpionfly and the spiders *Gonatium rubens* and *Tetragnatha montana*. Birdwise, the group thoroughly enjoyed watching adult Great Crested Grebes trying to feed large fish to their young. Bitterns boomed and Cuckoo scuckooed in the background, but neither was seen. We made our way to the Avalon hide, where we enjoyed very close views of Marsh Harrier, a distant Hobby whizzing over the reedbed, and a high-flying Red Kite.

After lunch at the Avalon Marshes Centre, we headed to Ivythorn Hill and Collared Hill in the Poldens, and spent a couple of hours looking for insects and plants. Orchids were in good supply, including two Bee Orchids, two Common Twayblades, about a dozen Greater Butterfly Orchids and plenty of Pyramidal and Common Spotted Orchids. The group slowly meandered along the main track, stopping every few metres for something new and interesting. We were soon engaged in delight with Lesser Stag and Malachite Beetles, Great Green Bush Cricket, Meadow Plant Bug, a fabulous plume moth *Marasmarcha lunaedactyla*, and cool little hoverflies *Eristalis pertinax*, plus the Batman Fly *Myathropa florea* and Dangling Marsh-lover (or 'Footballer Fly') *Heliophilus pendulus*. We finished the afternoon with Marbled White butterflies on Collard Hill, before returning to the hotel for our final dinner and an opportunity to set the moth trap once more.

## Day 4

Friday 6th June

### Cheddar

Moderate winds and overnight rain had definitely not been optimal conditions for running the moth trap, but under cover we had a chance that something might have turned up. It was meagre, with 31 moths of eleven species, with a Heart and Club, White Ermine and *Eudonia angustea* being three new species for the trip.

Following breakfast and checking out, we headed to the Mendip Hills. This vast area of limestone geology, famed for its network of caves and interesting wildlife, is somewhere you could easily spend a week exploring. We started the tour at Charterhouse, exploring old lead mines, pools, scrub and woodland. We were soon immersed in the flora and fauna, spotting Red Kite, Whitethroat, Stonechat and Redstart. With the sun finally showing itself,

invertebrates were starting to be more easily seen, and we were delighted to see Green Hairstreak, Small Heath, Large Skipper and later several Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries. We also started locating lots of smaller invertebrates, including lots of beetles: Orchid, Chequered Click, Black-and-orange Ground and Green Mint species, as well as *Cantharis pellucida*. Nettle-tap Moth and Yellow-banded Longhorn were nice finds too, as well as Woundwort Shieldbug and Dock Bug.

We walked through the woods and were amazed at the powerful evidence of Ash die-back disease; however, the understorey was a wonderful spread of Red Campion. We also noted Guelder Rose and Broad Buckler Fern, and on the slag heaps and mine workings we also spotted Soapwort, Biting Stonecrop, Thyme-leaved Sandwort and Maidenhair Spleenwort. Our walk proceeded down the valley, where we located some old drystone walls and soon found Viviparous Lizard, two female Adders and two Grass Snakes.

For lunch, we dropped down through Cheddar Gorge and collected some food before heading back to sit among the cliffs. Here, we located some Cheddar Pinks, Rustyback Fern and some Common Pill Woodlice! Our final stop was in the village to look for Water Vole, sadly without success, possibly following a lot of vegetation clearance.

And thus ended our super three days in Somerset!

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

I=Introduced		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
Canada Goose - I	<i>Branta canadensis</i>		✓		✓
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓		✓	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		✓		
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓		
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>			✓	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			✓	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			✓	
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			H	
Feral Pigeon - I	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		H	✓	H
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			✓	✓
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			✓	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			✓	✓
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		✓		
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓		
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		✓		
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			✓	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	
European Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>		✓		
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>			H	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>			✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		✓		
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>			✓	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		✓	✓	✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓

I=Introduced		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓	
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		H		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		H		✓
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓	✓	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			✓	✓
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</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>		✓	✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>				✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>		H	H	
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓	
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		H	H	H
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H	H	H
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓		
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓	✓	H
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓	H
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			✓	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			✓	✓
Dartford Warbler	<i>Curruca undata</i>		✓		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>		✓	H	
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 Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓		
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</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>		✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓

I=Introduced		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>		✓		✓
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		H	H	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓
Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>		✓		
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓		
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓	✓	

## Mammals

I=Introduced, D=dead, H=heard		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
European Hare - I	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓	✓	
European Rabbit - I	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓		✓	✓
Common Shrew	<i>Sorex araneus</i>			H	
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		D		
Eurasian Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>		D		
European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	✓	✓	✓	
Short-tailed Field Vole	<i>Microtus agrestis</i>		✓		
Eastern Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓

## Reptiles and amphibians

		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
Viviparous Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>				✓
Barred Grass Snake	<i>Natrix helvetica</i>			✓	✓
Common European Adder	<i>Vipera berus</i>				✓
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>		✓	✓	
Smooth Newt	<i>Lissotriton vulgaris</i>				✓

## Butterflies

		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>			✓	✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>				✓
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				✓
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>				✓
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>				✓
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025			
		3	4	5	6
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓		
Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>			✓	
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>		✓	✓	✓

## Moths

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025			
		3	4	5	6
Common Swift	<i>Korscheltellus lupulina</i>		✓		
Yellow-banded Longhorn	<i>Nemophora degeerella</i>				✓
a micro moth	<i>Adela reaumurella</i>		✓		
Case-bearing Clothes Moth	<i>Tinea pellionella</i>		✓		
Nettle Tap Moth	<i>Anthophila fabriciana</i>				✓
Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix	<i>Pandemis cerasana</i>		✓		
Cyclamen Tortrix	<i>Clepsis spectrana</i>		✓		
a micro moth	<i>Hedya pruniana</i>		✓		
a micro moth	<i>Celypha lacunana</i>		✓		
a micro moth	<i>Notocelia trimaculana</i>		✓		
Thistle Ermine	<i>Myelois circumvoluta</i>		✓		
Small Magpie	<i>Anania hortulata</i>		✓		✓
a micro moth	<i>Eudonia angustea</i>				✓
a micro moth	<i>Chrysoteuchia culmella</i>		✓		
Figure of Eighty	<i>Tethea ocularis</i>		✓		
Drinker (larvae)	<i>Euthrix potatoria</i>				✓
Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Dysstroma truncata</i>		✓		
Clouded Border	<i>Lomasipilis marginata</i>			✓	
Willow Beauty	<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>		✓		
Yellow-tail (larvae)	<i>Euproctis similis</i>			✓	
Buff Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lutea</i>		✓		✓
White Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lubricipeda</i>				✓
Cinnabar	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>				✓
Mottled Rustic	<i>Caradrina morpheus</i>		✓		
Uncertain	<i>Hoplodrina octogenaria</i>		✓		
Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>		✓		✓
Marbled Minor agg.	<i>Oligia strigilis</i> agg.		✓		
Common Wainscot	<i>Mythimna pallens</i>		✓		✓
Heart & Dart	<i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>		✓		✓
Heart & Club	<i>Agrotis clavis</i>				✓
Shuttle-shaped Dart	<i>Agrotis puta</i>		✓		
Flame	<i>Axylia putris</i>		✓		
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>		✓		✓
Square-spot Rustic	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i>				✓
Setaceous Hebrew Character	<i>Xestia c-nigrum</i>		✓		✓



## Damselflies and dragonflies

		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>		✓	✓	
Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>				✓
Variable Bluet	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>			✓	
Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>			✓	✓
Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>			✓	
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>				✓

## Other invertebrates

		June 2025			
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6
<b>Grasshoppers and bush-crickets</b>					
Great Green Bush-cricket	<i>Tettigonia viridissima</i>			✓	
Roesel's Bush-cricket	<i>Metrioptera roeselii</i>			✓	
Dark Bush-cricket	<i>Pholidoptera griseoaptera</i>				✓
Common Field Grasshopper	<i>Chorthippus brunneus</i>			✓	
<b>Beetles</b>					
Two-spot Ladybird	<i>Adalia bipunctata</i>			✓	
Seven-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		✓	✓	✓
Harlequin Ladybird	<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>		✓	✓	✓
Rustic Sailor Beetle	<i>Cantharis rustica</i>		✓		✓
Garden Chafer	<i>Phyllopertha horticola</i>		✓		
Lesser Stag Beetle	<i>Dorcus parallelipipedus</i>			✓	
a leaf beetle	<i>Donacia clavipes</i>			✓	
Malachite Beetle	<i>Malachius bipustulatus</i>			✓	
Swollen-thighed Beetle	<i>Oedemera nobilis</i>			✓	
a soldier beetle	<i>Cantharis pellucida</i>				✓
Chequered Click Beetle	<i>Prosternon tessellatum</i>				✓
Black-and-orange Ground Beetle	<i>Odacantha melanura</i>				✓
Green Mint Beetle	<i>Chrysolina herbacea</i>				✓
Orchid Beetle	<i>Dascillus cervinus</i>				✓
<b>Flies</b>					
Dangling Marsh-lover	<i>Helophilus pendulus</i>			✓	
Tapered Drone Fly	<i>Eristalis pertinax</i>			✓	
Batman Hoverfly	<i>Myathropa florea</i>			✓	
Common Drone Fly	<i>Eristalis tenax</i>			✓	
a hoverfly	<i>Syrphus sp.</i>			✓	
<b>Bees</b>					
Common Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>		✓		✓
Tree Bumblebee	<i>Bombus hypnorum</i>		✓		
Red-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>		✓		✓
Early Bumblebee	<i>Bombus pratorum</i>		✓		✓

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025			
		3	4	5	6
White-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>				✓
<b>Others</b>					
a lacewing	<i>Chrysoperla carnea</i>		✓		
Common Scorpionfly	<i>Panorpa communis</i>			✓	
a mayfly	Ephemeroptera sp.		✓	✓	
a stonefly	<i>Diura bicaudata</i>		✓		
a caddisfly	<i>Limnephilus marmoratus</i>		✓		
Grouse Wing	<i>Mystacides longicornis</i>			✓	
Marsh Crane fly	<i>Tipula oleracea</i>		✓	✓	
Four-spotted Crane fly	<i>Nephrotoma quadrifaria</i>		✓		
Orange-marked Crane fly	<i>Ptychoptera contaminata</i>			✓	
a sawfly	<i>Tenthredo</i> sp.			✓	
Dock Bug	<i>Coreus marginatus</i>				✓
Woundwort Shieldbug	<i>Eysarcoris venustissimus</i>				✓
Red-and-black Froghopper	<i>Cercopis vulnerata</i>				✓
Meadow Plant Bug	<i>Leptopterna dolabrata</i>			✓	
a plant bug	<i>Capsus ater</i>		✓		
a plant bug	<i>Lygus pratensis</i>			✓	
Common Pill Woodlouse	<i>Armadillidium vulgare</i>				✓
a spider	<i>Tenuiphantes tenuis</i>		✓		
a spider	<i>Agelena labyrinthica</i>		✓	✓	
a spider	<i>Tetragnatha montana</i>			✓	
a spider	<i>Gonatium rubens</i>			✓	
a spider	<i>Coelotes atropos</i>				✓
a spider	<i>Metellina mengei</i>				✓

## Molluscs

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025			
		3	4	5	6
River Limpet	<i>Ancylus fluviatilis</i>		✓		
White-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea hortensis</i>			✓	
Brown-lipped Snail	<i>Cepaea nemoralis</i>			✓	

## Fungi

Common name	Scientific name	June 2025			
		3	4	5	6
Bracken Map	<i>Rhopoglyphus filicinus</i>		✓		
Chicken of the Woods	<i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i>		✓		
King Alfred's Cake	<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>		✓		
Hoof Fungus	<i>Fomes fomentarius</i>		✓		

## Plants

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<b>PTERIDOPHYTES</b>	<b>FERNS &amp; FERN ALLIES</b>	
<b>Aspleniaceae</b>	<b>Spleenwort Family</b>	
<i>Asplenium ceterach</i>	Rustyback	Walls. Cheddar
<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>	Hart's-tongue	Woods on limestone
<b>Blechnaceae</b>	<b>Hard Fern Family</b>	
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard Fern	Quantocks
<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b>	<b>Bracken Family</b>	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Common
<b>Dryopteridaceae</b>	<b>Buckler-fern Family</b>	
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i>	Scaly Male-fern	Quantocks
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler-fern	Common
<b>Equisetaceae</b>	<b>Horsetail Family</b>	
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	Water Horsetail	Charterhouse. Aquatic
<b>GYMNOSPERMS</b>	<b>CONIFERS</b>	
<b>Pinaceae</b>	<b>Pine Family</b>	
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	Planted
<b>Taxaceae</b>	<b>Yew Family</b>	
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	Cheddar
<b>ANGIOSPERMS</b>	<b>FLOWERING PLANTS</b>	
<b>DICOTYLEDONS</b>		
<b>Adoxaceae</b>	<b>Moschatel Family</b>	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Common
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder-rose	Charterhouse
<b>Amaranthaceae</b>	<b>Goosefoot Family</b>	
<b>Apiaceae</b>	<b>Carrot Family</b>	
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	Common
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	Hodder's Combe and Mendips
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	Frequent
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Stolford
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Common
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water-dropwort	Ditches and wet places. Common
<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water-dropwort	Stear
<b>Aquifoliaceae</b>	<b>Holly Family</b>	
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Woods and hedges
<b>Araliaceae</b>	<b>Ivy Family</b>	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Common
<b>Asteraceae</b>	<b>Daisy Family</b>	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Frequent in meadows
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Lesser Burdock	Frequent
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	Waste ground
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Common
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed	Frequent
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	Common
<i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>	Woolly Thistle	Collard Hill
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle	Wet places
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	Common. Waste places
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Mexican Daisy	Walls
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i>	Hemp Agrimony	Common. Damp places
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	Common Ragwort	Common
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	Common

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<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple Weed	Bare, disturbed areas
<i>Picris echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Rough grassy places
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	Short turf, Collard Hill
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg.	Dandelion	Common
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard	Occasional
<b>Betulaceae</b>	<b>Birch Family</b>	
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Common Alder	Carr Woodland and wet places
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Widespread
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	Common
<b>Boraginaceae</b>	<b>Borage Family</b>	
<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Field Forget-me-not	Common
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Green Alkanet	Holford
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Common Comfrey	Frequent
<b>Brassicaceae</b>	<b>Cabbage Family</b>	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Hedgerows
<i>Brassica napus</i> subsp. <i>oleifera</i>	Oil-seed Rape	Roadsides
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>maritimus</i>	Sea Radish	Berrow dunes
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	Common weed
<b>Cannabaceae</b>	<b>Hemp Family</b>	
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>	<b>Honeysuckle Family</b>	
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Common Honeysuckle	Common
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	Disturbed places
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	Common in grassy places
<i>Dianthus gratianopolitanus</i>	Cheddar Pink	
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	Soapwort	Berrow dunes
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	Common
<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	Stear
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion	Common (dwarfed on leadmine spoil)
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	Frequent
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort	Heathland. Westhay Moor
<i>Stellaria aquatica</i>	Water Chickweed	
<b>Celastraceae</b>	<b>Spindle Family</b>	
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rock-rose Family</b>	
<i>Helianthemum appeninum</i>	White Rock-rose	
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rock-rose	Collard Hill
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	Berrow dunes
<b>Cornaceae</b>	<b>Dogwood Family</b>	
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Berrow dunes and Mendips
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Occasional on walls/hedgebanks
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>	<b>Cucumber Family</b>	
<b>Dipsacaceae</b>	<b>Teasel Family</b>	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild Teasel	Frequent
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	Dry grassy places
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Small Scabious	Collard Hill
<b>Droseraceae</b>	<b>Sundew Family</b>	
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heather Family</b>	
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Ling	Westhay Moor and Quantocks
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell Heather	Quantocks

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<i>Erica tetralix</i>	Cross-leaved Heath	Westhay Moor and Quantocks
<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>	Rhododendron	Quantocks and Mendips
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Hodder's Combe
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	Woods
<b>Fabaceae</b>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	
<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>	Grass Vetchling	Occasional in grassy places
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	Frequent in grassland
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Common in waste places
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Common Restharrow	Berrow dunes
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Red Clover	Common
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Common
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	Quantocks and Westhay Moor
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	Occasional
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Stear
<b>Fagaceae</b>	<b>Beech Family</b>	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Widely planted
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	Sessile Oak	Quantocks
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	Common
<b>Geraniaceae</b>	<b>Crane's-bill Family</b>	
<i>Geranium pratense</i>	Meadow Crane's-bill	Roadside verge
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Common
<b>Gentianaceae</b>	<b>Gentian Family</b>	
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	Collard Hill
<b>Hydrocotylaceae</b>	<b>Pennywort Family</b>	
<i>Hydrocotyle vulgaris</i>	Marsh Pennywort	
<b>Hypericaceae</b>	<b>St John's-wort Family</b>	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's-wort	
<b>Lamiaceae</b>	<b>Dead-nettle Family</b>	
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	Common
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy	Woods and hedgerows
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Somerset Levels
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	Common
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Common
<i>Thymus drucei</i>	Wild Thyme	Locally common
<b>Lythraceae</b>	<b>Purple-loosestrife Family</b>	
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple-loosestrife	
<b>Malvaceae</b>	<b>Mallow Family</b>	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Bare ground and roadsides
<b>Nymphaeaceae</b>	<b>Water-lily Family</b>	
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	Yellow Water-lily	Rhynes
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>	White Water-lily	Stear and Charterhouse
<b>Oleaceae</b>	<b>Olive Family</b>	
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Common Ash	Common
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Wild Privet	Common
<b>Onagraceae</b>	<b>Willowherb Family</b>	
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's Nightshade	Frequent
<b>Orobanchaceae</b>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>	
<i>Melampyrum pratense</i>	Common Cow-wheat	Quantocks
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow-rattle	Ivy Thorn Hill

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<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Wood-sorrel Family</b>	
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood-sorrel	Woods
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Dock Family</b>	
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	Grassland
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel	Bare soil and heathland
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock	Common
<i>Rumex hydrolapathum</i>	Water Dock	Westhay Moor
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	Common
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>	
<i>Lysimachia tenella</i>	Bog Pimpernel	
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Ivy Thorn Hill
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>	
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Man's Beard	Common
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	Common
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	Common
<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>	Celery-leaved Buttercup	Marshes
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>	
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	Agrimony	Ivy Thorn Hill
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Hedges
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	Wet places
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet	Common
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	Common
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	Westhay Moor and Quantocks
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Common
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet	Collard Hill
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Common
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	Common
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	Common
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	Widespread
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	Widespread
<b>Rubiaceae</b>	<b>Bedstraw Family</b>	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Collard Hill
<i>Galium album</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Hedge banks
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Common
<i>Galium palustre</i>	Marsh bedstraw	Wet grassy places
<i>Galium saxatile</i>	Heath Bedstraw	Westhay Moor and Quantocks
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	Dunes and limestone grassland
<b>Salicaceae</b>	<b>Willow Family</b>	
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack Willow	Somerset Levels
<b>Sapindaceae</b>	<b>Maple Family</b>	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	Frequent
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Frequent
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>	<b>Figwort Family</b>	
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	Woods and hedgebanks
<b>Solanaceae</b>	<b>Nightshade Family</b>	
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	Common
<b>Urticaceae</b>	<b>Nettle Family</b>	
<i>Parietaria judaica</i>	Pellitory-of-the-wall	Walls
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Common
<b>Valerianaceae</b>	<b>Valerian Family</b>	
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian	Damp places

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<b>Veronicaceae</b>	<b>Speedwell Family</b>	
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Westhay Moor and Quantocks
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Common
<i>Veronica officinalis</i>	Heath Speedwell	Westhay Moor
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Quantocks and Westhay Moor
<b>Violaceae</b>	<b>Violet Family</b>	
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog-violet	Woods and grassland
<b>MONOCOTYLEDONS</b>		
<b>Araceae</b>	<b>Lords-and-Ladies Family</b>	
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords-and-Ladies	Frequent in woods and hedgerows
<b>Asparagaceae</b>	<b>Asparagus Family</b>	
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	Common
<b>Cyperaceae</b>	<b>Sedge Family</b>	
<i>Carex humilis</i>	Dwarf Sedge	
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Damp woodland
<b>Dioscoreaceae</b>	<b>Yam Family</b>	
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woods
<b>Hydrocharitaceae</b>	<b>Frogbit Family</b>	
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	Frogbit	Rhynes
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>	
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Rhynes
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Frequent on Limestone
<i>Dactylorhiza maculata</i> subsp. <i>fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	Ivy Thorn Hill
<i>Neottia ovata</i>	Common Twayblade	Ivy Thorn Hill
<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	Bee Orchid	Berrow, Ivy Thorn Hill, Collard Hill
<i>Platanthera chlorantha</i>	Greater Butterfly Orchid	Ivy Thorn Hill
<b>Poaceae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>	
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	Frequent in Grassland
<i>Elytrigia juncea</i>	Sand Couch	
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire-fog	Common
<i>Koeleria vallesiana</i>	Somerset Hair-grass	
<i>Melica uniflora</i>	Wood Melick	Cheddar. Shady places
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Common
<b>Typhaceae</b>	<b>Bulrush Family</b>	
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Bulrush	Common