

Somerset's Summer Wildlife

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 4th June 2026



Four-spotted Chasers



Avocet



Painted Lady



Greenshank

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Summary

Despite mixed weather over our four-day Somerset tour, the group enjoyed an excellent variety of wildlife, habitats and landscapes across the county. From the dunes of Berrow and the ancient oak woodlands of the Quantocks, to the wetlands of the Somerset Levels and the limestone grasslands of the Mendips, each day brought memorable discoveries. Highlights included Southern Marsh, Bee and Greater Butterfly Orchids, nesting Pied Flycatchers, Wood Warblers, Avocets with chicks, Marsh Harriers, Bitterns and Blue (Scarce) Chasers. Mammals, reptiles, butterflies and moths added further interest, with a basking Adder providing a fitting finale to a rewarding and enjoyable holiday.

Day 1

Monday 1st June

Arrival – Berrow Dunes

Overcast with light rain and a light breeze, 18°C

After arriving at the Batch Country House Hotel mid-afternoon, the group met in the lounge, discussed plans for the tour and got acquainted. We had a diverse mix of interests, but the common theme was that everyone was happy to see everything! With a poor forecast for the afternoon, we wrapped up, put on our rain gear, and headed out to Berrow Dunes.

No sooner had we arrived than the rain came, and it poured for most of our stay. We wandered through the little church, and across the golf course to the beach. Fauna were sparse, so we stuck with plants for the afternoon. We picked out Fragrant Evening Primrose, Common Restharrow, Wild Radish, Biting Stonecrop (in beautiful clumps), Sea Spurge, Marram Grass, Rock Samphire, Hare's-foot Clover, Frosted Orache, Milk Thistle, Mugwort, Greater Celandine and Buckhorn's Plantain. As we made our way back, we encountered a small damp meadow, with many Southern Marsh Orchids and a single Bee Orchid. We also found some Hairy Tare, Meadow Foxtail and, our favourite, Quaking Grass.

After dinner we completed our checklists before retiring for the evening. Tomorrow would be a very different encounter: we would be heading into deciduous oak woodland, before venturing back to the coast at Steart Marshes.

Day 2

Tuesday 2nd June

Hodder's Combe – Quantock Hills – Steart Marshes

Sunny spells with a strong wind, 22°C

Waking up to dull and overcast conditions was not what we were hoping for, but at least it was dry. In fact, it cleared up nicely for much of the day, despite strong winds. We ran the gauntlet of Bridgwater at rush-hour and picked up lunch on our way. We arrived at Hodder's Combe and made our way through the oak woodland. The

understorey plants were starting to come through: we saw Common Cow-wheat, Thyme-leaved and Wood Speedwells, Pignut, Wood Melick and many beautiful ferns.

Birds were singing: Song Thrush, Green Woodpecker, Stock Dove, along with some specialist migrant species of this habitat. We soon picked up Redstart, although a little way off, Pied Flycatchers were nesting and bringing food to their young, and a Wood Warbler was singing high in the oaks, but again not close enough to see. We continued along the river, with Oliver pointing out some caddisfly larvae attached to rocks in the stream, and a stonefly larva too: both make great food for Dippers and Grey Wagtails (the latter we spotted on our return). Small flocks of birds were encountered throughout the wood, with many young birds calling too: Blue, Coal, Great and Long-tailed Tits, Siskin, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Goldcrest, Chaffinch and Robin were all present.

We relocated to Dead Woman's Ditch for lunch, high on the Quantock plateau, before visiting Black Hill for magnificent views of the county and beyond. Stonechat, Meadow Pipit and Skylark were all spotted, but with such strong winds, the chances of Dartford Warbler were low, and we were unsuccessful.

Our final stop of the day was at Steart Marshes, where we started well with Reed Warbler and Reed Bunting singing. We were delighted to find lots of Avocet and Oystercatcher chicks at Otterhampton Marsh, along with Redshank, Greenshank, Little Ringed Plover and Lapwing. Several European Hare lolloped around a nearby field, and a few butterflies (including Painted Lady and Small Tortoiseshell) nectared from Oxeye Daisy flowers. A few other plants were noted, including Fodder Vetch, Grass Vetchling, Common and Great Knapweeds, and Corky-fruited Water-dropwort.

Day 3

Wednesday 3rd June

Ham Wall – Ivythorn Hill

Rainy start with sunny spells later, moderate wind, 22°C

We started the day shortly after 6.00am in the hotel garden, by looking through the moth trap. Unfortunately, with windy overnight conditions, the trap was fairly empty, but we did manage eighteen species, with the best a Common Swift, Brown Silver-line, Treble Lines and Small Mottled Willow. A *Cantharis rufa* soldier beetle was the only other species of interest in the trap.

Following breakfast, we drove to the Somerset Levels, and spent the first forty minutes driving around Westhay, Tealham and Tadham Moors while it continued to rain. Great Egret, Great Crested Grebe and Common Buzzard were about the best we could manage! We went on to Ham Wall once the rain abated a little, and we were soon enjoying dry conditions. We headed along the main track, where we started spotting various resting invertebrates. Four-spotted Chaser, Common Bluetail and Variable Bluet damselflies started us off, along with Dock Bug, and Dangling Marsh Lover and *Parbelophilus versicolor* hoverflies.

At viewing platform one, we had a number of Black-tailed Godwits, nesting Black-headed Gulls, Marsh Harrier, a calling Bittern, and hundreds of hawking Swifts and House Martins. We stopped at the Tor hide briefly, and spent time scanning from the viewing screens. The invertebrates were warming up as the sun appeared, and soon dozens

of chasers started flying. We moved on to the Avalon hide, and had several male Blue (formerly Scarce) Chaser dragonflies, and later three Grass Snakes.

After lunch at the Avalon Marshes Centre, we headed up to Ivythorn Hill, for a completely different habitat and species list. We were looking for orchids in particular, and soon we had Pyramidal, Common Spotted, Greater Butterfly and Bee Orchid in the bag. Common Twayblade also numbered several dozen. Meadow Plant Bug, and Roesel's and Speckled Bush-Cricket were plentiful, and small numbers of Meadow Brown, Common Blue and Large Skipper butterflies were also spotted. Hoverflies again featured, namely *Eupedodes corollae* and *Episyrphus balteatus*.

We enjoyed our final dinner and a much longer checklist: we had seen a lot of species today, from a great number of taxa. It had been a super day, considering the miserable weather we'd experienced for most of it.

Day 4

Thursday 4th June

Blagdon Lake – Chew Valley Lake – Woodford Lodge – Blackmoor Reserve – Nether Wood – Cheddar Gorge – Velvet Bottom – departure

Rainy start with sunny spells later, moderate wind, 22°C

With another volatile weather day, we headed off in the rain and gloom towards the Mendip Hills. We decided to stay as dry as possible, so we dropped by at Blagdon Lake and Chew Valley Lake, where we could view from the minibuses or from under raised tailgates. There were not many species to be seen, but we found Great Crested Grebes, and hundreds of hirundines and Swifts were flying low over the water, catching insects. We stopped at Woodford Lodge for drinks and cake, where we could view the lake and stay dry. Several Cattle Egrets flew by, and it was an opportunity to compare various gull species.

As the rain stopped and the distant hills appeared to clear, we headed off to Charterhouse. We walked through Blackmoor Reserve to Nether Wood, and enjoyed a whole range of wildlife now that the sun had emerged. Bird-wise, we spotted Common Whitethroat, Redstart and singing Stonechats. We noted Broad-bodied Chaser, Yellow-banded Longhorn and Drinker moths (the latter as a larva), Small Copper, Painted Lady, Viviparous Lizard, Southern Marsh Orchid, Spiked Water-milfoil, Common Eyebright, Wild Thyme, Thyme-leaved Sandwort, Soapwort, Crosswort and various horsetails (including Water, Field and Marsh).

It was a very pleasant meander through the old lead mining works, woodland, ponds and grassland. Time was against us, given the earlier rain delay, so we dropped into Cheddar to collect lunch, and then stopped in the gorge to admire the cliffs and spot our final plant: Cheddar Pink, hanging on to the cliff ledges. Many Ravens and a Red Kite flew overhead, indicating their excellent recovery in the area.

Our final stop was at the top of the gorge at Velvet Bottom. We walked through the valley, and after some searching finally found a female Adder basking in the sunshine. It was a lovely end to a challenging but very enjoyable tour of Somerset.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

I=Introduced		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Canada Goose - I	<i>Branta canadensis</i>		✓	✓	✓
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓	
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</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	H	
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		H		
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓		
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>			H	
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>		✓		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</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>		✓	✓	✓
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓		✓	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>				✓
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</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 Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓		
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓

I=Introduced		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
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>		✓	✓	✓
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</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>		✓	✓	✓
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		H		
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		H	✓	✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	H
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓	H	H
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			✓	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>			H	✓
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>		✓	H	✓
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</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>		H		✓
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓		✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>		✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓		✓
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
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>	✓	✓		✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓	✓	

Mammals

I=Introduced		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
European Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		✓		✓
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓	✓	
Eastern Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>		✓		
Western Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>			✓	✓

Reptiles

		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Viviparous Lizard	<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>				✓
Common European Adder	<i>Vipera berus</i>				✓
Barred Grass Snake	<i>Natrix helvetica</i>			✓	✓

Butterflies

		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>			✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>				✓
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>				✓
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</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>		✓		
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>			✓	✓

Moths

L=larva		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Common Swift	<i>Korscheltellus lupulina</i>			✓	
Yellow-barred Long-horn	<i>Nemophora degeerella</i>				✓
Sandy Long-horn	<i>Nematopogon schwarziellus</i>			✓	
Diamond-back	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>			✓	
Cocksfoot Moth	<i>Glyphipterix simplicella</i>			✓	
Cypress-tip Moth	<i>Argyresthia cupressella</i>			✓	
Large Fruit-tree Tortrix	<i>Archips podana</i>			✓	
Codling Moth	<i>Cydia pomonella</i>			✓	
Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>			✓	
Blushed Knot-horn	<i>Ephestia woodiella</i>			✓	
Rusty-dot Pearl	<i>Udea ferrugalis</i>			✓	
Garden Grass-veneer	<i>Chrysoteuchia culmella</i>			✓	
Drinker	<i>Euthrix potatoria</i>				✓

L=larva		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Yellow Shell	<i>Camptogramma bilineata</i>			✓	
Brown Silver-line	<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>			✓	
Yellow-tail	<i>Euproctis similis</i>			L	
Buff Ermine	<i>Spilosoma lutea</i>			✓	
Dingy Footman	<i>Eilema griseola</i>			L	
Small Mottled Willow	<i>Spodoptera exigua</i>			✓	
Vine's Rustic	<i>Hoplodrina ambigua</i>			✓	
Treble Lines	<i>Charanyca trigrammica</i>			✓	
Marbled Minor agg.	<i>Oligia strigilis</i> agg.			✓	
Heart and Dart	<i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>			✓	
Setaceous Hebrew Character	<i>Xestia c-nigrum</i>			✓	

Damselflies & dragonflies

		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>				✓
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>			✓	
Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>			✓	
Variable Bluet	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>			✓	
Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>		✓		
Small Redeye	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>			✓	
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>			✓	
Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>			✓	
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>				✓
Blue Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>			✓	
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>			✓	

Other invertebrates

		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Crickets & Grasshoppers					
Dark Bush-Cricket	<i>Pholidoptera griseoaptera</i>			✓	
Speckled Bush-Cricket	<i>Leptophyes punctatissima</i>			✓	
Roesel's Bush-Cricket	<i>Metrioptera roeselii</i>			✓	
True bugs					
Dock Bug	<i>Coreus marginatus</i>			✓	
a plant bug	<i>Closterotomus norwegicus</i>			✓	
Meadow Plant Bug	<i>Leptopterna dolabrata</i>			✓	
Flies					
Four-spotted Crane-fly	<i>Nephrotoma quadririfaria</i>			✓	
Striped-slender Robberfly	<i>Leptogaster cylindrica</i>			✓	
Orange-saddled Bristle-node	<i>Mydaea corni</i>				✓
Hoverflies					
Marmalade Hoverfly	<i>Episyrphus balteatus</i>		✓	✓	✓
Dangling Marsh Lover	<i>Helophilus pendulus</i>			✓	✓
a hoverfly	<i>Parhelophilus versicolor</i>			✓	
a hoverfly	<i>Eupeodes corollae</i>			✓	

		June 2026			
Common name	Scientific name	1	2	3	4
Bees, wasps & ants					
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>		✓	✓	
Commonn Carder Bee	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>			✓	
White-tailed Bumblebee	<i>Bombus lucorum</i>				✓
Early Bumblebee	<i>Bombus pratorum</i>				✓
Beetles					
7-spot Ladybird	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		✓	✓	✓
Thick-legged Flower Beetle	<i>Oedemera nobilis</i>		✓	✓	
Harlequin Ladybird	<i>Harmonia axyridis</i>			✓	
a soldier beetle	<i>Cantharis rufa</i>			✓	
Green Mint Beetle	<i>Chrysolina herbacea</i>				✓
Arachnids					
Spring Harvestman	<i>Rilaena triangularis</i>			✓	
Nursery Web Spider	<i>Pisaura mirabilis</i>			✓	

Plants

			June 2026			
Scientific name	Common name	Notes	1	2	3	4
PTERIDOPHYTES	FERNS & FERN ALLIES					
Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family					
<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Walls. Cheddar				✓
Blechnaceae	Hard Fern Family					
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Hard Fern	Quantocks		✓		
Dennstaedtiaceae	Bracken Family					
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken	Common		✓		✓
Dryopteridaceae	Buckler-fern Family					
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler-fern	Common				✓
Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family					
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	Drier meadows				✓
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	Water Horsetail	Charterhouse. Aquatic				✓
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	Marsh Horsetail	Marshes				✓
GYMNOSPERMS	CONIFERS					
Taxaceae	Yew Family					
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	Cheddar			✓	
ANGIOSPERMS	FLOWERING PLANTS					
DICOTYLEDONS						
Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family					
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder-rose	Charterhouse		✓	✓	✓
Amaranthaceae	Goosefoot Family					
<i>Atriplex patula</i>	Common Orache	Coast	✓			
<i>Atriplex laciniata</i>	Frosted Orache	Coast	✓			
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> subsp. <i>maritima</i>	Sea beet	Coast	✓			
<i>Salsola kali</i>	Prickly Saltwort	Berrow dunes	✓			
Apiaceae	Carrot Family					
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock	Common			✓	
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut	Hodder's Combe and Mendips		✓		
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	Stolford			✓	
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water-dropwort	Ditches and wet places. Common	✓		✓	

Scientific name	Common name	Notes	June 2026			
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<i>Oenanthe pimpinelloides</i>	Corky-fruited Water-dropwort	Stear		✓		
Aquifoliaceae	Holly Family					
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Woods and hedges		✓		✓
Araliaceae	Ivy Family					
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asteraceae	Daisy Family					
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Frequent in meadows	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Arctium lappa</i>	Greater Burdock	Frequent			✓	
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	Waste ground	✓		✓	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk Thistle	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common (Black) Knapweed	Frequent		✓		
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Great Knapweed	Stear Marshes		✓	✓	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	Common		✓		
<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>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Catsear	Common in short turf	✓	✓		
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	Common Ragwort	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple Weed	Bare, disturbed areas	✓	✓		
<i>Picris echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	Rough grassy places		✓		
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	Common	✓			
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg.	Dandelion	Common		✓		✓
<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>	Goat's-beard (Meadow Salsify)	Occasional			✓	
Betulaceae	Birch Family					
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Common Alder	Carr Woodland and wet places			✓	
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	Widespread			✓	
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy Birch	Westhay Moor and Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	Common		✓	✓	✓
Boraginaceae	Borage Family					
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Water Forget-me-not	Marshes		✓	✓	
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Green Alkanet	Holford		✓		
<i>Symphytum officinale</i>	Common Comfrey	Frequent			✓	
Brassicaceae	Cabbage Family					
<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	✓			
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family					
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Common Honeysuckle	Common		✓	✓	✓
Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family					
<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	Cheddar Gorge				✓
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>	Soapwort	Berrow dunes				✓
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	Common		✓	✓	✓
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	Common	✓			
<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	Stear			✓	
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	Frequent		✓		
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort	Heathland. Westhay Moor			✓	✓

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Celastraceae	Spindle Family					
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle	Stear		✓	✓	
Cistaceae	Rock-rose Family					
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rock-rose	Collard Hill				✓
Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family					
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	Berrow dunes			✓	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	Waste places and roadsides	✓			
Cornaceae	Dogwood Family					
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Common		✓		
Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family					
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	Berrow dunes and Mendips	✓			✓
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Occasional on walls and hedgebanks		✓		
Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family					
Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family					
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild Teasel	Frequent		✓	✓	✓
Droseraceae	Sundew Family					
Elaeagnaceae	Sea-buckthorn Family					
<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>	Sea-buckthorn	Berrow Dunes	✓			
Ericaceae	Heather Family					
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Ling	Westhay Moor and Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Erica cinerea</i>	Bell Heather	Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Rhododendron ponticum</i>	Rhododendron	Quantock Hills and Mendips		✓		
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Hodder's Combe		✓		
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family					
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury	Woods			✓	
Fabaceae	Pea Family					
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch			✓		
<i>Ervilia hirsuta</i>	Hairy Tare	Rough ground and grassy places	✓	✓		
<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>	Grass Vetchling	Occasional in grassy places		✓		
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow Vetchling	Charterhouse				✓
<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 arvense</i>	Hare's-foot Clover	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	Common	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	Common		✓	✓	
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	Common	✓			
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	Ivy Thorn Hill			✓	
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	Quantock Hills and Westhay Moor		✓		
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	Common			✓	✓
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	Occasional		✓		
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	Common		✓	✓	✓
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Fodder Vetch	Stear		✓		
Fagaceae	Beech Family					
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Widely planted		✓	✓	✓
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	Sessile Oak	Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	Common		✓		
Geraniaceae	Crane's-bill Family					
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Common		✓	✓	✓

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<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	Shining Crane's-bill	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Geranium pratense</i>	Meadow Crane's-bill	Roadside verge			✓	
Hypericaceae	St John's-wort Family					
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's-wort				✓	
Lamiaceae	Dead-nettle Family					
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy	Woods and hedgerows				✓
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Somerset Levels		✓		✓
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Wild Marjoram	Limestone grassland				✓
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	Common			✓	
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort	Common			✓	✓
<i>Thymus drucei</i>	Wild Thyme	Locally common				✓
Lythraceae	Purple-loosestrife Family					
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple-loosestrife				✓	
Malvaceae	Mallow Family					
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	Bare ground and roadsides	✓		✓	✓
Nymphaeaceae	Water-lily Family					
<i>Nuphar lutea</i>	Yellow Water-lily	Rhynes			✓	
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>	White Water-lily	Stear and Charterhouse		✓		
Oleaceae	Olive Family					
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Common Ash	Common		✓		✓
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Wild Privet	Common		✓	✓	✓
Onagraceae	Willowherb Family					
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's Nightshade	Frequent				✓
<i>Oenothera stricta</i>	Fragrant Evening Primrose	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Chamaenerion angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb	Charterhouse				✓
Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family					
<i>Euphrasia nemorosa</i>	Common Eye-bright	Ivy Thorn Hill & Charterhouse				✓
<i>Melampyrum pratense</i>	Common Cow-wheat	Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow-rattle	Ivy Thorn Hill & Charterhouse			✓	✓
Oxalidaceae	Wood-sorrel Family					
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood-sorrel	Woods		✓		
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family					
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Poppy	Frequent	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family					
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	Common	✓	✓	✓	
Polygonaceae	Dock Family					
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	Grassland		✓		✓
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel	Bare soil and heathland		✓		✓
<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>	Wood Dock	Woods and shade		✓		
<i>Persicaria amphibia</i>	Amphibious Bistort	Somerset Levels			✓	
Primulaceae	Primrose Family					
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	Ivy Thorn Hill		✓	✓	
Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family					
<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 aquatilis</i>	Common Water-crowfoot	Charterhouse				✓
Rosaceae	Rose Family					
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	Agrimony	Ivy Thorn Hill			✓	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Hedges		✓	✓	✓

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<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	Wet places			✓	✓
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet	Common		✓	✓	✓
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple	Stear		✓		
<i>Potentilla anserina</i>	Silverweed	Common	✓		✓	
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	Westhay Moor and Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Common				✓
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet	Collard Hill		✓	✓	✓
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	Common	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Rosa arvensis</i>	Field Rose	Ivy Thorn Hill			✓	
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	Common	✓		✓	✓
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	Widespread				✓
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	Widespread		✓		
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family					
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	Collard Hill				✓
<i>Galium album</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Hedge banks		✓	✓	✓
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Galium saxatile</i>	Heath Bedstraw	Westhay Moor and Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	Dunes and limestone grassland	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sapindaceae	Maple Family					
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	Frequent		✓	✓	
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	Frequent		✓	✓	✓
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family					
<i>Scrophularia nodosa</i>	Common Figwort	Woods and hedgebanks		✓		
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family					
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	Common	✓		✓	
Urticaceae	Nettle Family					
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	Common	✓	✓	✓	✓
Valerianaceae	Valerian Family					
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian	Damp places			✓	
<i>Valeriana rubra</i>	Red Valerian	Walls			✓	✓
Veronicaceae	Speedwell Family					
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	Westhay Moor and Quantock Hills		✓		
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Common Toadflax	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell	Common			✓	✓
<i>Veronica officinalis</i>	Heath Speedwell	Westhay Moor		✓		
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Quantock Hills and Westhay Moor		✓		
MONOCOTYLEDONS						
Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil Family					
<i>Allium ursinum</i>	Ramsons	Charterhouse				✓
Araceae	Lords-and-Ladies Family					
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords-and-Ladies	Frequent in woods and hedgerows		✓	✓	
Asparagaceae	Asparagus Family					
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	Common		✓		✓
Butomaceae	Flowering-rush Family					
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering-rush	Stear		✓		
Cyperaceae	Sedge Family					
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Damp woodland		✓		
<i>Carex riparia</i>	Greater Pond Sedge	Tall to 1.3m. Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	Woods			✓	✓

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Dioscoreaceae	Yam Family					
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony	Woods			✓	
Hydrocharitaceae	Frogbit Family					
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	Frogbit	Rhynes		✓	✓	
Iridaceae	Iris Family					
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	Rhynes	✓	✓	✓	
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris	Ivy Thorn Hill			✓	
Juncaceae	Rush Family					
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft-rush	Common		✓		
Lemnaceae	Duckweed Family					
Orchidaceae	Orchid Family					
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	Frequent on Limestone			✓	
<i>Dactylorhiza majalis</i> subsp. <i>integrata</i>	Southern Marsh-orchid	Frequent. Berrow dunes, Charterhouse	✓			✓
<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			✓	
Poaceae	Grass Family					
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail	Common	✓		✓	
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	Common		✓		
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	Frequent in Grassland	✓		✓	
<i>Bromopsis erecta</i>	Upright Brome	Limestone grassland. Common			✓	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	Common	✓	✓		
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire-fog	Common			✓	
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	Frequent. Rough ground		✓		
<i>Leymus arenarius</i>	Lyme-grass	Berrow dunes	✓			
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	Common		✓	✓	
<i>Melica uniflora</i>	Wood Melick	Cheddar. Shady places		✓		
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	Common	✓	✓	✓	
Typhaceae	Bulrush Family					
<i>Sparganium erectum</i>	Branched Bur-reed	Stearth			✓	
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Bulrush	Common			✓	
SAXIFRAGALES						
Haloragaceae	Water Milfoil Family					
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Spiked Water-Milfoil	Charterhouse				✓