
















# HERE ARE SOME OF THE CREATURES YOU CAN FIND IN THE HOMESTEAD PARK





How many did you spot?





## BIRDS

 Chiffchaff	 Bullfinch	 Song Thrush
 Redwing	 Long Tailed Tit	 Magpie
 Chaffinch	 Blackbird	 Coal Tit
 Blue Tit	 Great Tit	 Dunnock
 Goldcrest	 Sparrow Hawk	 Carrion Crow






## BUMBLE BEES

 White tailed bumble bee
 Red tailed Bumble Bee










## SPIDERS

 Garden Spider	 Harvestman
 Wolf Spider	 Zebra Spider

## FLIES AND WASPS

 Hover Fly
 Marmalade Fly
 Lacewing
 Crane Fly
 Common Wasp





## BUTTERFLIES

 Small Tortoiseshell	 Common Blue	 Meadow Brown
 Speckled wood	 Gate keeper	 Painted Lady
 Red Admiral	 Peacock	 Large white

## BETTERLES

 Burying Beetle
 Green tortoise Beetle
 Rhinoceros Beetle
 Red Soldier Beetle






## DRAGON FLIES AND DAMSEL FLIES



 Common Blue Damselflies	 Brown Hawker Dragonfly
 4 spotted chaser Dragonfly	 Common Darter

## GRASSHOPPERS

 Field Grasshopper	 Green Grasshopper
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## MAMMALS

 Rabbit
 Grey Squirrel
 Fox
 Hedgehog
 Roe Deer

 Weasel
 Stoat





The Homestead Park is a fantastic place to see wildlife. Why not explore the park and see what you can find?

**RUNNING WILD IN THE HOMESTEAD PARK**  
BIRDS, BUGS, BEASTS AND MORE!

**Bug heaven**

The Homestead Park's wildflower meadow is the perfect place to find all kinds of different bugs.



**TOP TIP 1**  
Butterflies love buddleia bushes. Look out for them on the purple flowers.

The flowers – and insect houses – attract helpful insects to the park, such as ladybirds, butterflies, lacewings and beetles, as well as spiders, birds, frogs and hedgehogs.

Our bug guide (look over the page) tells you the best places to find common creatures in the park.

**TOP TIP 2**  
Late summer is a good time to look for dragonflies in the park.

**Feathered friends**

Star birds for each season



**Spring:**  
You can hear chiffchaffs chirping their name in the park from March, when they return here after spending the winter in hotter countries.



**Summer:**  
If you're really lucky, you might see a beautiful male bullfinch, with his bright pink chest. The female is less colourful, but both are easily recognised by their black caps and a bright white patch that you can see when they fly.



**Autumn:**  
Look out for song thrushes, either hopping on the ground to find snails or singing loudly in the tree tops. They may be joined by wintering redwings.



**Winter:**  
Long-tailed tits are great fun to watch as they flit between the trees, usually in small groups.



**TOP TIP 3**  
Keep your eyes on the skies – you might see a hunting sparrowhawk flying over.

Have you seen something unusual?  
Let us know!  
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**Mammal magic**



The trees in the park are like a big adventure playground for grey squirrels. You can see them burying acorns in the ground in the autumn.

You can also see rabbits in the park, and sometimes – if you're very lucky – other small mammals including hedgehogs, stoats and weasels. You might even see a fox, and one or two extra lucky people have seen roe deer in the small wood down the hill from the wildflower meadow.

**TOP TIP 4**  
The best times of day to see foxes and other mammals are early morning and evening, when the park is quietest.

**Park hotspots**

