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



# How many did you spot?

# **BIRDS**



## **FLIES AND WASPS**



# **MAMMALS**















**BUTTERFLIES** 



















































































4 spotted chaser tortoise Beetle Dragonfly

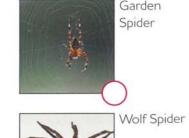


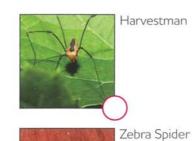
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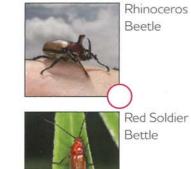
Red tailed

Bumble Bee



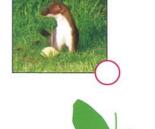


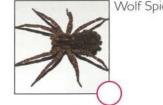








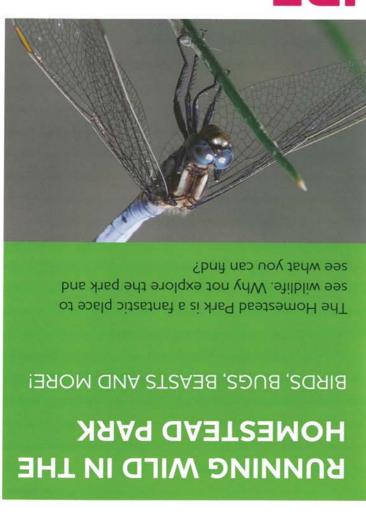








Grasshopper



Have you seen something unusual?
Let us know!
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## **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.

## 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.

### 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.

