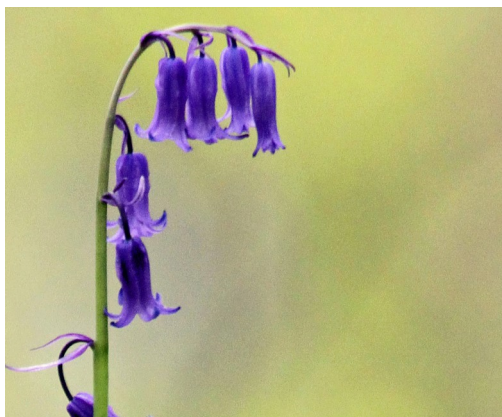


Spring Spotter Sheet

Discover Wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula



Bluebell

Enchanting carpets of bluebells form in ancient woodlands and can be identified by their nodding, bell-shaped flowers.

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Lesser celandine

Grows low to the ground with heart-shaped leaves and sunshine yellow, star-like flowers that are about 3cm across.

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Buff-tailed bumblebee

Yellow and black bands with a small orange stripe above its white tail. Look out for the first bumblebees on warm days in March!

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Marsh marigold

A plant of ponds, wet meadows and wet ditches. It is closely related to buttercups, and often referred to as the 'Kingcup'.

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Water vole

Water voles are very secretive, but you might be able to spot their burrow entrances on the banks of rivers, canals and ditches!

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Brimstone butterfly

A large, pale yellow or lime green butterfly with leaf-shaped wings. You will see them flitting about in woodlands and along hedgerows.

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Green alkanet

Hairy, pointed leaves and sky-blue flowers, you'll find this plant in urban areas, hedgerows and woodlands.

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Blackthorn flowers

In spring, blackthorn is covered in large clusters of small white flowers. The leaves are oval and the branches have long, sharp spines.

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Summer Spotter Sheet

Wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula



Peacock butterfly

Deep-red wings with black spots and blue eyespots. The dark brown undersides help it to camouflage among dead leaves.

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Yellow flag iris

The large yellow flower petals fold back on themselves and sit on a tall reed stem, with long narrow leaves that droop at the ends.

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Mullein moth caterpillar

These distinctive yellow, black and white caterpillars like to feed on mullein, buddleia and figwort plants.

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Dog rose

This bright, five-petalled flower can be seen in hedgerows. Like other roses, the stems of the plant have sharp thorns!

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Red campion

Found in hedgerows and along ditch banks, its rose-red flowers have five deeply-notched petals and the leaves are hairy.

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Common frog

Smooth skin that is usually green and brown but sometimes red or yellow! They lay jelly-like frogspawn in ponds.

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Greater knapweed

A feast for bees and butterflies, the large 'flowers' are actually *composite* flower heads made up of many florets (tiny flowers).

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Common carder bee

Ginger all over with short black hairs on the abdomen, this bumblebee is easy to spot as it forages nectar from flowers.

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Autumn Spotter Sheet

Wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula



Blackberry

A delicious autumn treat for us and a very important food for many creatures. Dormice, voles and starlings love snacking on them.

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Coot

A familiar black water bird with a white bill. Coots are omnivores which means they eat plants and berries as well as fish, small mammals and eggs!

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Crab apple tree

Small, red apples hang from stems with green oval leaves. Crab apples are very sour, but they are loved by blackbirds, thrushes, mice and voles.

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Teasel

Round and prickly, teasel seed heads are protected by large spikes, and were once used to tease out wool fibres.

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Roe deer

Our most common native deer species, the majestic roe deer has short antlers and a white rear-end with no visible tail.

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Hazelnut

Hazel trees grow hazelnuts inside pale shells. Nuts are high in protein and fat which helps small mammals put on weight to keep warm over winter!

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Fly agaric

The classic fairy-tale toadstool is often found beneath birch trees. They are poisonous so do not eat them!

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Brent geese

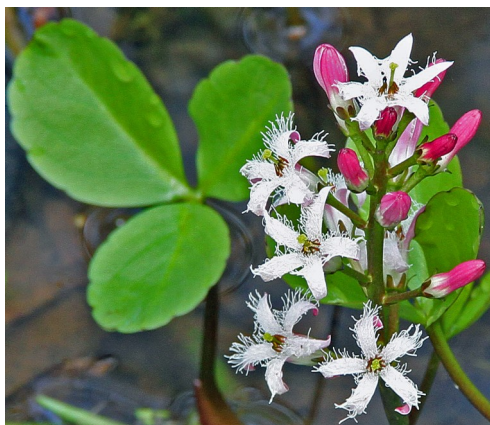
Large flocks collect together in estuaries and coastal marshes. Listen out for the continual honking and cronking as they chat to each other.

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Wetland Wildlife Spotter Sheet

Wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula—what can you spot?



Bogbean

Look out for white, star-shaped flowers and pink buds growing on tall stems floating on the water. **Florence Pond** is a great place to spot this plant!

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Water vole

Water voles are secretive, but you might spot their burrow entrances on the banks of rivers, canals and ditches! You may see signs in **Birdham**.

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Pendulous sedge

Grows on banks, it has long leaves and brown spikes which are the flowers. Touch the flowers—they are very soft! **Cakeham Manor Estate** has lots!

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Moorhen

Can you see any bobbing on the water or keeping their nests warm? Look for their red beak with a yellow tip. They eat snails, insects, fish and plants!

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Dragonfly

Fast-flying, colourful predators that catch smaller insects in mid-air. They are inquisitive and may hover nearby to have a closer look at you!

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Purple loosestrife

This has long, pink flower spikes that bees and butterflies love. It can also grow really tall! Can you see if any are taller than you?

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Grey heron

Large, birds with a long neck. They stand at the water's edge waiting to catch a fish that might swim by! Spot them at **Chichester Canal**.

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Gatekeeper butterfly

They feed on the wildflowers around a pond. Look for two black wing spots which contain two tiny white dots. **Camic Pond** is great for butterflies!

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