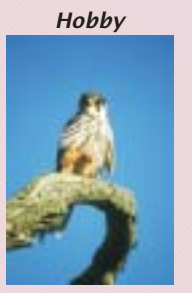


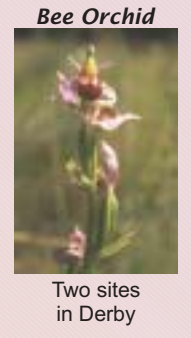
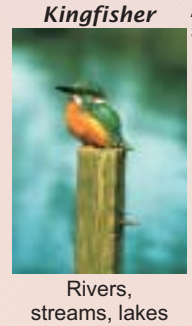
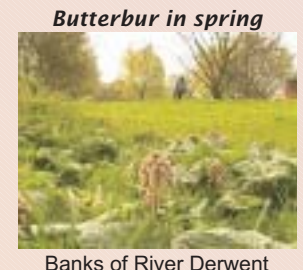
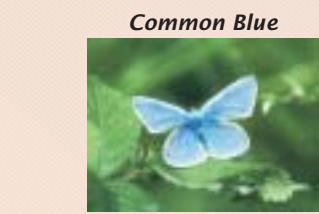
# Key wildlife sites and species of interest in Derby



## City centre inset



- ### Key
- Feed the ducks - in moderation!
  - Bird watching spot
  - Public parks of high wildlife interest
  - Plants and habitats of high wildlife interest
  - Route of high wildlife interest
  - Wildlife trail leaflet
  - Circular walk leaflet
  - Tourist Information Centre
  - Libraries
  - Toilets and car park
  - Ranger's office



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# Going wild about Derby

A resource guide to the wildlife of Derby

## Introduction

Welcome to Derby and to its wildlife. This leaflet shows you where you can find some of the city's best wildlife, and highlights a few of its more unusual features. It shows:

- where the best wildlife haunts are
- where to go birdwatching
- how you can get involved

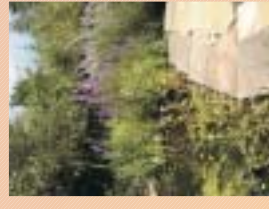
Wildlife is all around you - in towns and cities as well as the wider countryside. Some of Derby's best wildlife sites are home to a wide range of common species. The most accessible are shown on the map inside. You can reach many on foot, by bicycle or bus.

Derby is also home to a few rarities found nowhere else in Derbyshire, such as Dark Bush Cricket and Broomrape. Other unusual species living here include Crayfish, Otter, Toothwort, Moonwort, Glow Worm, Hawfinch and over-wintering Chiffchaffs.

## Gardens

Watching wildlife in your own garden is easy and very rewarding. Hedgehogs, bats, frogs, many species of birds, butterflies and other insects will visit most gardens.

The best advice to make your garden nature-friendly is in 'Wildlife Gardening' by Fran Hill. You can buy it from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, or borrow a copy from your local library. Derby Museum also has displays and free information leaflets on wildlife gardening.



Wildlife garden, Chaddesden



Allestree Park

## Who can tell me more?

Derby City Parks Park Rangers - 9am to 9pm all week Tourist Information Centre Derby Museum and Art Gallery Environment Projects Officer Derby Central Library - Enquiries	01332 716272 01332 367800 01332 255802 01332 716659 01332 255021 01332 255398/9
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust www.derby.gov.uk	01773 881188
Derby Natural History Society Entomological Society - Derby's and Notts Derbyshire Ornithological Society RSPB - Derby branch Greenpeace - local group Friends of the Earth - Derby British Trust for Conservation Volunteers Derbyshire Conservation Volunteers Derby Rainbow - help for teachers/groups RSPCA - injured animals Police - Wildlife Liaison Officer Local Bat Group Local Badger Group English Nature Traveline - all bus services Adult Education classes St Helen's House Adult Education classes Derby College	01332 515859 01283 215188 01246 236090 01283 734851 01332 552469 01332 727237 01629 825317 01332 733871 01332 298185 08705 555999 01773 570100 01629 57845 01283 813796 01629 815095 08706 082608 01332 717900 08000 280289

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For wheelchair access see each leaflet.

For information on park facilities ask for our leaflet called 'Derby's Parks'.



Badger

Reptiles are extremely rare in the city, so please report any sightings to Derby Museum. Good grassland is also very rare here, though churchyards and former railway lines can be surprisingly rich in wild flowers, butterflies and other insects. Visit old woods in springtime for their flowers and birds, or watch the smallest patch of unused land develop a wealth of wildlife in just a few years, adding greatly to the 'biodiversity' of our city.

Badgers are increasingly being seen on the outskirts, and even Otters have been reported along the **River Derwent**. Sadly, Water Vole numbers have seriously declined as predatory Mink have spread.

Mammals aren't often easy to spot, though you may see Squirrels or Hedgehogs anywhere in the city. Badgers are increasingly being seen on the outskirts, and even Otters have been reported along the **River Derwent**.

These riverside paths offer the best sites for wildlife-watching. Use binoculars to see Skylark, Whitethroat, Reed Bunting, Grey Wagtail, Goosander and many others. Little Ringed Plover still manage to breed on bare gravels along the lower Derwent, while in winter Hawfinches and Waxwings are unusual visitors to both **Allestree** and **Darley Parks**.



Black-headed Gull - 2nd winter plumage

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## Animals and plants

## Who cares for our wildlife?

Many organisations care for nature in Derby. The Council looks after parks and open spaces, operates museums, runs a countryside management service, and raises environmental awareness in schools. The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust provides independent information and gives advice on sites of wildlife value. Conservation volunteer groups do practical work on wildlife sites. Campaign groups such as Friends of the Earth raise awareness of local environmental issues, while local natural history societies often hold events and activities related to Derby's wildlife. Many would welcome your involvement. See **'Who can tell me more?'**



Wildflower planting, West Park Meadow LNR

## Trails and leaflets

These free guides are a selection of those available from the Tourist Information Centre in the Market Place, Derby Museum and Art Gallery or each ranger's office.

T1	Allestree Park Nature Trail	2.0km
T2	Alvaston Park Tree Trail	0.8km
T3	Arboretum Tree Trail	1.0km
T4	Chaddesden Wood LNR	1.0km
T5	Darley Abbey Park Tree Trail	0.8km
T6	Derby's Lower Derwent Trail	4.5km
T7	Derby's Riverside Quarter Trail	3.5km
T8	Derby's Upper Derwent Trail	4.5km
T9	West Park Meadow, Spondon	0.7km
W1	Allestree Circular Walk	9.0km
W2	Gt. Northern Circular Walk	11.0km
W3	Markeaton Circular Walk	6.0km
W4	Radbourne Circular Walk	6.0km
W5	Swarkestone Circular Walk	6.5km