

SHUTFORD NATURE HUB



Hazel Seedlings by Isla and Poppy by Harvey

There have been lots of amazing sightings of Shutford wildlife recorded in the Nature Hub. Over a 2 month period from the first week of July to the first week of September there were 62 recordings of the sights and sounds of around 46 different species.

Thanks to all who collected this data, it will be used to determine what the web of wildlife living in and around the village looks like.

It's clear how important gardens are for many of the species, as well as our hedgerows and verges - particularly for butterflies.

Bees in gardens

Leaf cutter bees - making nests in gardens

Wasps in gardens

Parasitic wasp on Astrantia flowers

Beetles in gardens

Common Red Soldier Beetle on Astrantia flowers, Fat-legged Flower beetle on Betony flowers



Common Red Soldier Beetle

Birds in gardens or over the village

Blackbird fledglings being fed, Bullfinches, Chiffchaffs, Goldfinches, Green Woodpeckers, Jay, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Long-tailed Tits, Martins, Nuthatches, Red Kites, Robins rearing 3 young in a greenhouse nest, Sparrowhawk attacking small birds in a garden, Swallows nesting in the church porch, Swifts nesting in the Rickyards



Nuthatch

Birds in the lanes and over fields

Buzzards, Goldcrests in hedges in Lower End, Hobby, Kestrel, Little Owls heard calling, Red Kites, Sparrowhawk sitting on the gate to Round Hill

Butterflies in Gardens

Brimstone, Commas, Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Orange Tip, Peacocks, Red Admirals

Butterflies in hedgerows & verges

Essex Skipper, Gatekeeper, Large White, Meadow Brown, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Ringlets, Small Tortoiseshell, Small White

Moths in Gardens

Garden Tiger Moth, Hummingbird Hawk Moth, Mint Moth, Mullein

Dragonflies

Dragonfly Church Lane, Southern Hawker Dragonfly in a garden, newly emerged, drying out on clematis leaves, it's empty larva case on an Iris leaf in a nearby pond

Mammals

Lots of badger poo and hedgehog poo in gardens
3 Hedgehogs in a garden, 1 female with 2 males having a standoff (typical!!)
2 large deer on farmland near the Roman Road

Reptiles

Baby Grass Snake, dead unfortunately, in the road on Cooks Hill

Fungi

Bracket Fungus on a Yew tree in a garden
Chicken in the Woods in a hedgerow

We'd love to have more drawings / collages from children and please keep the sightings coming - it's important to find out what's out there through the seasons. If it's too cold and wet in the coming months to venture to the Hub at the phone box you can email sightings or soundings to Rita rita@rlmarketing.co.uk.

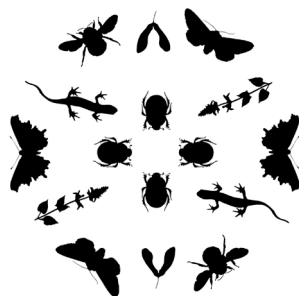
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Leafcutter Bee making a nest



Chicken in the Woods fungus



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