

Woodland Habitat of Trent Country Park *Who lives here?*

In the leaf litter



Wasp Beetle



Wolf Spider



Shield Bugs



Green Orb Spider



Longhorn Beetles



Ladybirds



Woodlice



Ground Beetles

Amazing facts: Beetles

There are some 4000 species of beetle in Britain, from the familiar ladybird to the fascinating shield bug. Nearly all beetles can fly, using a pair of wings under the shiny cases on their backs. Most live amongst damp, decaying timber and leaf litter on the woodland floor. They provide food for many animals, including birds and small mammals - even foxes and badgers.



Stag Beetle



Devil's Coach Horse Beetle



Centipedes & Millipedes



Earthworms

The world of 'minibeasts'

The leaf litter and soil of the woodland floor are home to hundreds of tiny creatures, some of which are known as 'minibeasts'. They include small insects and spiders, as well as larger woodlice, centipedes, beetles and ants. They all help to break down fallen leaves into the rich woodland compost under your feet.



The woodland floor

What can you see?

Thick, deciduous woodland vegetation offers many animals and birds shelter, hunting and nesting places. Hearing them may be a lot easier than seeing them, especially in summer when the undergrowth is thick. However, you may see the signs animals and birds leave behind, such as owl pellets and discarded burrows.



Toadstools



Scalloped Oak Moth



Speckled Wood Butterfly



Magpie Moth



Wood Anemone



Fox



Badger



Stoat & Weasel



Wood Mouse



Common Shrew



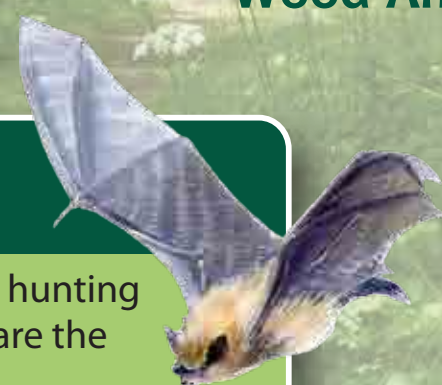
Grass Snake



Hedgehog

Amazing facts: Bats

On summer evenings, look for pipistrelle bats hunting small insects along the woodland edge. Bats are the only truly flying mammals. Most species use echolocation, a form of sonar, to navigate and catch their prey. They squeak as they fly and listen for the returning echoes to make a 'sound picture' of the woodland. Children may be able to hear the squeaks but they are too high-pitched for adult ears.



In the trees

What can you hear?

Stand and listen for a moment and you will appreciate the abundance of wildlife living in the woodland canopy. The screech of the jay, the varied bird songs, the repeated knocking of a woodpecker and all the other sounds tell you which creatures are in the trees around you.



English Oak



Grey Squirrel



Goldcrest



Great Tit



Nuthatch



Greenfinch



Great Spotted Woodpecker



Tawny Owl



Sparrowhawk

Amazing facts: Jays

A mainly woodland bird of the crow family, the jay is usually shy and soon disappears from sight. A harsh tearing call may be the only clue to its presence. Jays collect and bury acorns during autumn to eat when food is scarce in winter and early spring.



Jay

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