

# Birds

## Barn Owl

*Tyto alba*  
Wingspan: 110 - 120cm  
Height: 35 - 50cm  
Voice: Screeching, gargling and wheezing noises

## Tawny Owl

*Strix aluco*  
Wingspan: 95 - 105cm  
Height: 37 - 40cm  
The male tawny owl has a 'hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo' call normally answered by the females hoarser hoot or 'ke-wick' call.

## Little Owl

*Athene noctua*  
Wingspan: 54 - 58cm  
Height: 21 - 23cm  
Voice: A very sharp 'keew keew' call

## Swift

*Apus apus*  
Wingspan: 42 - 48cm  
Height: 17cm  
Voice: A long shrill screaming call when flying.  
Swifts are summer migrants to the UK. Please tell us when you first see them. Swifts can often be seen flying very fast in groups of screaming parties around rooftops at dusk and entering buildings, this is usually where they are nesting.

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# Amphibians



## Common Toad

*Bufo bufo*  
Body length: 8 - 15cm  
Voice: The male croak is a rough, high-pitched qwark, qwark, qwark.



## Common Frog

*Rana temporaria*  
Body length: 6 - 10cm  
Voice: Males emit a low purring croak during the breeding season.

# Mammals

## Red Fox

*Vulpes vulpes*  
Body Length: 60 to 90 cm  
Shoulder Height: 35 to 41 cm  
Voice: Spine chilling cry

## Badger

*Meles meles*  
Body Length: 60 - 80 cm  
Shoulder Height: 20 - 30 cm  
Voice: Range of noises, mainly snorts, barks and growls

## Hedgehog

*Erinaceus europaeus*  
Body Length: 60 - 80 cm  
Voice: Grunts, snuffles and squeaks.  
When attracting hedgehogs please use cat food instead of bread and milk!

## Muntjac Deer

*Muntiacus reevesi*  
Body Length:  
Shoulder height: 45 - 48cm  
Male deer can have antlers upto 7cm long

## Bats

There are 16 different species of bats known in Britain, ranging from the common Pipistrelle to the rare Greater Horseshoe. Traditionally bats roost in holes in trees, but nowadays many of them can be found roosting in houses and barns. It is when the bats are emerging from these roosts that you are more likely to see them. If possible please let us know what the bats were doing at the time of the sighting.

# Moths

There are estimated to be 900 species of macro moths in the UK, here are a few you should be able to find in your garden.

If you're having trouble finding moths, there are ways in which you can attract them. They are often found feeding on nectar rich flowers, but you can encourage them by hanging a white sheet from your fence and over the ground. Light the sheet with a powerful torch or lamp and wait for the moths to arrive! Alternatively you can soak a rope with a sugar rich solution, and hang from somewhere in your garden, then watch them using a red filtered light.

## Lime Hawk

*Mimas tiliae*  
55-70mm

## Poplar Hawk Moth

*Laothoe populi*  
70-90mm

## Eyed Hawk

*Smerinthus ocellata*  
70-80mm

## Elephant Hawk

*Deilephila elpenor*  
45-65mm

## Garden Tiger

*Arctia caja*  
45-65mm

## Buff Ermine

*Spilosoma luteum*  
28-40mm

## Brimstone

*Opisthograptis luteolata*  
32-37mm

## Angle Shades

*Phlogophora meticulosa*  
45-50mm

## Heart and Dart

*Agrotis exclamationis*  
30-40mm

## Large Yellow Underwing

*Noctua pronuba*  
45-60mm

## Herald

*Scoliopteryx libatrix*  
40-45mm

## Silver Y

*Autographa gamma*  
35-40mm

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