

In Search of Wildlife

This is a list of locations which, with one exception, I have visited in the past 35-40 years. It is by no means a comprehensive list, as there are many, many more that I'm not aware of.

I have made a list of useful sources of information at the end of this document.

England

| Location | Details | For |
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| Ipswich | Christchurch Park, | . |
| | Holywells Park, | Birds |
| | Landseer Park | Butterflies |
| Levington | Creek | Wading Birds, Barn Owls |
| Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire | Ask me for contact details | Tawny Owls, Badgers |
| Sotherton | Ask me for contact details | Woodland birds |
| Colchester and Banham Zoos | Websites https://www.colchester-zoo.com/ https://www.banhamzoo.co.uk/ | Creatures from around the world |
| Horsey Gap | Horsey, Norfolk. Just north of Winterton-on-Sea https://www.friendsofhorseyseals.co.uk/ | Atlantic Grey Seals, Sanderlings, Turnstones |
| RSPB Havergate Island & Orfordness | RSPB and National Trust websites https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Wading Birds, Brown Hares |
| RSPB Minsmere | RSPB website https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Wading birds, Woodland birds, Heathland birds, Reedbed birds, Wildfowl, Red Deer, Amphibians, Otters, etc etc |
| East Lane, Bawdsey | Public car park | Swallows, Martins (House and Sand), Reedbed birds, Dragonflies & Damselflies, Butterflies |
| Norfolk Broads | National Parks website, Richardson's boats https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/ | Water birds, Reedbed birds, |
| RSPB Strumpshaw Fen | RSPB website https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Wading birds, Woodland birds, |

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| | | Heathland birds, Wildfowl, Reedbed birds, Red Deer, Amphibians, Otters, etc etc |
| SWT Captain's Wood | Suffolk Wildlife Trust website https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/ | Bluebells, Fallow Deer, Barn Owl and other woodland birds. Fungi |
| WWT Welney | Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust https://www.wwt.org.uk/ | All 3 species of swan, Wading birds, Wildfowl |
| SWT Lackford Lakes | Suffolk Wildlife Trust website https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/ | Kingfishers, Woodland birds, Wading birds, Wildfowl |
| Helmingham Hall | Between Ashbocking and Framsdan. Access by well-marked public footpaths. | Red Deer, Fallow Deer, Rare-breed sheep. |
| Kyson Point to Woodbridge | Access by well-marked public footpaths. | Wading birds |
| Ness Point, Lowestoft | Public access area | Purple Sandpiper, Turnstones |
| Suffolk Owl Sanctuary | Stonham Barns https://www.owl-help.org.uk/ | Owls and other birds of prey from around the world. |
| RSPB Boyton Marshes | RSPB website https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Wading birds, Reedbed birds |
| Mistley Walls | Mistley, near Manningtree | Wading birds, Mute swans |
| Fox Hide, Rayleigh | Ask me for contact details | Red foxes, Corvids |
| River Gwash Ospreys | Website https://www.rivergwashtroutfarm.co.uk/horn-mill-osprey-hide/ | Ospreys |
| Richmond Park, London | Access by well-marked public footpaths. | Red Deer, Fallow Deer |
| Farne Islands | National Trust | Seabirds |
| RSPB Bempton Cliffs | RSPB website https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Northern Gannets, Puffins, Guillemots, Razorbills etc |

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| North Yorkshire Moors | National Parks website https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/ | Moorland birds |
| British Wildlife Centre, South Godstone, East Surrey | Website https://britishwildlifecentre.co.uk/ | British wildlife |
| Elmley Marshes, Kent | Website https://www.elmleynaturereserve.co.uk/ | Wading birds, Brown Hares, Marshland birds |
| WWT Slimbridge, southwest of Gloucester | Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust | Wildfowl |
| Donna Nook | National Nature Reserve, Marsh Lane, Donna Nook, Louth LN11 7PD https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/get-involved/top-reserves/donna-nook | Atlantic Grey Seals |

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Scotland

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| Mull | Various websites | Birds of all sorts, Golden Eagles, White-Tailed Sea-Eagles, Otters, Red Deer |
| Oban | Access via public road | Black Guillemots, Goosanders |
| Western Isles | Mainly the southern islands | Wading birds, Heathland birds |
| Cromarty Firth | Fast-rib boat trip from Cromarty https://www.ecoventures.co.uk/boat/ | Bottle-Nosed Dolphins |
| Chanonry Point | Access via public roads | Bottle-Nosed Dolphins |
| Loch Garten and Speyside | RSPB website https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Crested Tits, Red Squirrels, Woodland birds, Red Deer, Capercaillie, Osprey |
| Loch Insh | Access via public roads | |

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| Farr Road | Minor mountain road over the Monadhliath Mountains | Mountain Hares, Mountain and moorland birds |
| Handa Island | Scottish Wildlife Trust https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/ | Arctic and Great Skuas, Moorland birds, Seabirds |
| Orkney Islands | https://www.orkney.com/ | Archaeology, Seabirds, Wading birds, Moorland birds, Otters |
| RSPB Hermaness and Shetland Islands | https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Archaeology, Seabirds, Wading birds, Moorland birds, Otters |
| Noss, Shetland Islands | Scottish Wildlife Trust https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/ | Gannets, Puffins, Moorland birds |
| Sumburgh Head, Shetland Islands | Access via public roads https://www.rspb.org.uk/ | Puffins, Moorland birds |
| Bass Rock | Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick https://www.seabird.org/ | Northern Gannets |
| Dunbar | Access via public roads | Kittiwakes |

Ireland

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| Mizen Head, County Cork | Access via public roads | Chough |
| Oughterard, County Galway | Access via public roads | Yellow Wagtail |
| Skellig Islands, County Kerry | Boat trip https://skelligislands.com/ | Puffins, Northern Gannets |

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Wales

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| Gigrin Farm, Rhayader | See website https://www.gigrin.uk/ | Red Kites, Buzzards |
| Llandeussant | See website https://www.redkiteswales.co.uk/ | Red Kites, Buzzards |
| Skomer Island | Wildlife Trust of West Wales https://www.welshwildlife.org/skomer-skokholm/skomer/ | Puffins and other seabirds |
| WWT Llanelli | Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/llanelli | Wildfowl |
| Llyn Brenig, near Ruthin, North Wales | https://llynbrenig.com/ | Siskins, Ospreys |
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Useful sources of information:

| Organisation | Website |
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| Billy Shiel's boat trips – for access to the Farne Islands | https://www.farne-islands.com/trips/all-day-bird-watch-trip/ |
| British Butterflies | https://www.britishbutterflies.co.uk/ |
| British Dragonflies (includes damselflies) | https://british-dragonflies.org.uk/ |
| British Mammal Society | https://www.mammal.org.uk/ |
| British Trust for Ornithology | https://www.bto.org/ |
| Buglife | https://www.buglife.org.uk/ |
| Butterfly Conservation (includes moths) | https://butterfly-conservation.org |
| County Wildlife Trusts (covers the whole of the UK) | https://www.wildlifetrusts.org |
| Dale Sea Safaris – for access to Skomer Island | https://www.pembrokeshire-islands.co.uk/ |
| Handa Ferry – for access to Handa Island | https://handa-ferry.com/ |
| Hawk and Owl Trust: | https://hawkandowltrust.org/ |
| Insects Found in Britain | https://insectopia.co.uk/ |
| Irelands Wildlife | https://irelandswildlife.com/ |
| Irish Wildlife Trust | https://iwt.ie/ |
| John Muir Trust (mainly Scotland): | https://www.johnmuirtrust.org |
| National Parks (UK) | https://www.nationalparks.uk/ |
| National Parks and Wildlife Service (Ireland) | https://www.npws.ie/ |
| National Trust: | https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk |
| Online Field-Guide | http://online-field-guide.com/ |
| Orkney Islands | https://www.orkney.com/ |
| Reptiles and Amphibians of the UK | http://www.herpetofauna.co.uk/identification.asp |
| RSPB | https://www.rspb.org.uk |
| Scottish Seabird Centre (North Berwick) For access to Bass Rock. | https://www.seabird.org/ |
| Scottish Wildlife Trust | https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/ |
| Shetland Islands | https://www.shetland.org/ |
| Suffolk Owl Sanctuary: | https://www.owl-help.org.uk |

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| The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group | https://iwdg.ie/ |
| The Native Woodland Trust (Ireland) | https://www.nativewoodlandtrust.ie/ |
| Vincent Wildlife Trust (Ireland) | https://www.vincentwildlife.ie/ |
| Western Isles (Outer Hebrides) | https://www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk/ |
| Wildflower Identification | http://www.wildflowerfinder.org.uk/ |
| Wildfowl and Wetland Trust (WWT) | https://www.wwt.org.uk |
| Woodland Trust | https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/ |
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