

Wildlife

in Britain



2026



January 2026

1	Thu	New Year's Day
2	Fri	Bank Holiday (Scotland)
3	Sat	
4	Sun	
5	Mon	Wk 2
6	Tue	
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29	Thu	
30	Fri	
31	Sat	

December 2025

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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January 2026

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February 2026

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Grey Seal

This large seal, with grey-brown, blotched fur, spends two-thirds of the year feeding on fish out at sea. Seals congregate in large breeding colonies, mainly along exposed rocky coasts, secluded beaches and islands. Pups are born in the autumn and have dense soft fur. Half the world's population of grey seals is found around British coasts.



February 2026

1	Sun	
2	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 6
3	Tue	
4	Wed	
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	Wk 7
10	Tue	
11	Wed	
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
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16	Mon	Wk 8
17	Tue	
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27	Fri	
28	Sat	

January 2026

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March 2026

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February 2026

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Little Owl

Recognisable by its large yellow eyes and compact body and its whistling call, the little owl will perch on a post or telegraph pole, and pounce down on birds, small rodents and insects. In flight, it usually keeps low to the ground, following an undulating path. It is our most frequently seen owl, found in most parts of England and Wales.



March 2026

1	Sun	St David's Day (Wales)
2	Mon	Wk 10
3	Tue	
4	Wed	
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	Wk 11
10	Tue	
11	Wed	
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	
16	Mon	Wk 12
17	Tue	St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland & Eire)
18	Wed	
19	Thu	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	Wk 13
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	British Summertime starts
30	Mon	Wk 14
31	Tue	

February 2026

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April 2026

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18	26	27	28	29	30		

March 2026

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Polecat

Mostly solitary and nocturnal, the sleek polecat preys on small rodents and birds, and often makes its den in a rabbit burrow. Once widespread in Britain, it became nearly extinct through persecution; however, it is now a protected species, and has re-established itself in the woodland, heaths and downland of areas in Wales and England.



April 2026

1	Wed	
2	Thu	
3	Fri	Good Friday
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	Easter Monday Wk 15
7	Tue	
8	Wed	
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	
13	Mon	Wk 16
14	Tue	
15	Wed	
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Wk 17
21	Tue	
22	Wed	
23	Thu	St George's Day (England)
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	
27	Mon	Wk 18
28	Tue	
29	Wed	
30	Thu	

March 2026

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May 2026

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22	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

April 2026

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Roe Deer

The pretty roe deer is Britain's smallest and most widespread native deer. Reddy-brown with a white rump, short antlers and no tail, they are mostly solitary, browsing the edges of woodland generally at dawn and dusk. They form loose groups in winter and, during the summer rutting season, males will fight aggressively to defend their territory.



May 2026

1	Fri	
2	Sat	
3	Sun	
4	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 19
5	Tue	
6	Wed	
7	Thu	
8	Fri	
9	Sat	
10	Sun	
11	Mon	Wk 20
12	Tue	
13	Wed	
14	Thu	
15	Fri	
16	Sat	
17	Sun	
18	Mon	Wk 21
19	Tue	
20	Wed	
21	Thu	
22	Fri	
23	Sat	
24	Sun	
25	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 22
26	Tue	
27	Wed	
28	Thu	
29	Fri	
30	Sat	
31	Sun	

April 2026

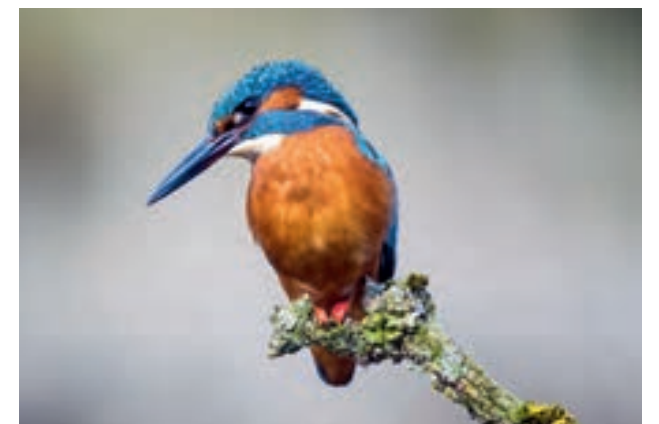
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18	26	27	28	29	30		

June 2026

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23		1	2	3	4	5	6
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26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30				

May 2026

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18						1	2
19	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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22	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



Kingfisher

An elusive bird of the riverbank, with splendid blue and gold plumage, the kingfisher is seen usually as a sudden flash of blue as it flies low over a river or lake. Hovering with head pointing downwards, it dives into the water to catch fish in its long, pointed bill. A pair will fly into a riverbank to make a hole for their nest tunnel.



June 2026

1	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 23
2	Tue	
3	Wed	
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	Wk 24
9	Tue	
10	Wed	
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	
15	Mon	Wk 25
16	Tue	
17	Wed	
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	Longest Day
22	Mon	Wk 26
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	
26	Fri	
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	Wk 27
30	Tue	

May 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18						1	2
19	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
21	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
22	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27				1	2	3	4
28	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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31	26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23		1	2	3	4	5	6
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25	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Wood Mouse

This tiny creature is golden brown, with big black eyes and a long tail. Mainly nocturnal, the wood mouse is an agile climber. It is common in woodland, grassland and gardens in Britain but rarely seen. In autumn, it gathers seeds, berries and invertebrates to store up for the winter in underground burrows formed of tunnels and nest chambers.



July 2026

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25	Sat
26	Sun
27	Mon
28	Tue
29	Wed
30	Thu
31	Fri

June 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23		1	2	3	4	5	6
24	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
25	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30				

August 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31							1
32	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
33	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
34	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
35	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

July 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27				1	2	3	4
28	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
30	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Peacock Butterfly

This attractive butterfly has four eye spots, like peacock feathers, to frighten off predators. It flits about all summer, feeding on flowers such as buddleia, ragwort and mallow. It hibernates through the winter in a shed or hollow tree, camouflaged by its folded brown underwings, emerging in spring to lay clumps of eggs on nettle leaves.



August 2026

1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	Bank Holiday (Scotland & Eire) Wk 32
4	Tue	
5	Wed	
6	Thu	
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	
10	Mon	Wk 33
11	Tue	
12	Wed	
13	Thu	
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	
17	Mon	Wk 34
18	Tue	
19	Wed	
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	
23	Sun	
24	Mon	Wk 35
25	Tue	
26	Wed	
27	Thu	
28	Fri	
29	Sat	
30	Sun	
31	Mon	Bank Holiday (excl. Scotland) Wk 36

July 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27				1	2	3	4
28	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
30	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
31	26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
36			1	2	3	4	5
37	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
38	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
39	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
40	27	28	29	30			

August 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31							1
32	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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35	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



Badger

The territorial badger always keeps to the same paths and tracks. Recognised by its black and white striped face, it is common in the UK and lives in a social group called a clan. Most active in summer, by day they stay in a sett, a system of underground tunnels and nesting chambers, emerging at night to search for worms, insects and berries.



September 2026

1	Tue	
2	Wed	
3	Thu	
4	Fri	
5	Sat	
6	Sun	
7	Mon	Wk 37
8	Tue	
9	Wed	
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	
14	Mon	Wk 38
15	Tue	
16	Wed	
17	Thu	
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19	Sat	
20	Sun	
21	Mon	Wk 39
22	Tue	
23	Wed	
24	Thu	
25	Fri	
26	Sat	
27	Sun	
28	Mon	Wk 40
29	Tue	
30	Wed	

August 2026

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31							1
32	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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35	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

October 2026

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41	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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44	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2026

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Natterjack Toad

This very rare toad breeds in warm, shallow pools on dunes and sandy heaths in just a few places in England and Scotland. They are mainly nocturnal; in the spring, the males may be heard singing together at night to attract females. Smaller than the common toad, with a yellow stripe down its back, it tends to run instead of walking or hopping.



October 2026

1	Thu	
2	Fri	
3	Sat	
4	Sun	
5	Mon	Wk 41
6	Tue	
7	Wed	
8	Thu	
9	Fri	
10	Sat	
11	Sun	
12	Mon	Wk 42
13	Tue	
14	Wed	
15	Thu	
16	Fri	
17	Sat	
18	Sun	
19	Mon	Wk 43
20	Tue	
21	Wed	
22	Thu	
23	Fri	
24	Sat	
25	Sun	British Summertime ends
26	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 44
27	Tue	
28	Wed	
29	Thu	
30	Fri	
31	Sat	

September 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November 2026

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October 2026

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Hare

The hare is the UK's fastest land mammal, and can swerve and change direction to outwit a predator. In spring the males chase females in an attempt to mate, when she's had enough, she'll try to fend him off in a fierce boxing match. Unlike rabbits, they are solitary and do not dig warrens, just a shallow depression called a form.



November 2026

1	Sun	
2	Mon	Wk 45
3	Tue	
4	Wed	
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	Wk 46
10	Tue	
11	Wed	
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	
16	Mon	Wk 47
17	Tue	
18	Wed	
19	Thu	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	Wk 48
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	
30	Mon	St Andrew's Day (Scotland) Wk 49

October 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Beaver

Beavers use their long, sharp teeth to chew through trees and branches, dragging them into place to build dams, creating ponds of deep, still water. Here, they construct lodges to live in small family groups. Beavers are key to creating thriving wetland ecosystems by reducing flooding and have recently been reintroduced in some protected areas.



December 2026

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6	Sun	
7	Mon	Wk 50
8	Tue	
9	Wed	
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	
14	Mon	Wk 51
15	Tue	
16	Wed	
17	Thu	
18	Fri	
19	Sat	
20	Sun	
21	Mon	Shortest Day Wk 52
22	Tue	
23	Wed	
24	Thu	
25	Fri	Christmas Day
26	Sat	Boxing Day
27	Sun	
28	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 53
29	Tue	
30	Wed	
31	Thu	

November 2026

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Blue Tit

Colourful and noisy with a trilling song, the blue tit is a common visitor to gardens, often seen perched acrobatically on a bird feeder, as well as parks and woodland throughout Britain. It is mainly greenish-yellow with a blue head and wings, and a black and white face. In winter, family flocks join up with other tits as they search for food.