

Vertebrates (excluding birds) - species seen/heard in Selsdon Wood

We have a booklet entitled "*Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve - Its history and Management: Some records of Flora and Fauna*" which was produced in 1978 by Jack Penry-Jones on behalf of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. This contains lists of fungi, flora, birds, mammals, reptiles & amphibians, macro-lepidoptera, spiders and molluscs seen in Selsdon Wood. Species recorded between 1972 & 1977 in the Penry-Jones booklet are noted by a Y in the 1978 column.

The first photograph of each species on our website is indicated by a date in the Photo column.

Sightings in 2020 and thereafter are first recorded sightings of the year from reports/photographs supplied mainly by FSW members and members of the FSW Facebook group. Initials indicate the photographer:- Jack Branscombe (JB), Steve Budd (SB), Ruth Budd (RB), Neale Fox (NF), Lee Butcher (LB), James Moon (JM), Tony Flecchia (TFI), Josie Searle (JS), Ryan Back (RyB), Karen Kinkead (KK), Lucinda Offer (LO), Louise Hunt (LH), Karen Hall (KH), Rosalyn Heaton (RH)

Most bats are detected by sound rather than sight. Species observed and identified by ultrasound recordings uploaded to the BTO Acoustic Pipeline are marked (ul). Sightings in 2022 on 10/2/22 were all videos made with a night-time trail camera.

There is a separate list for Birds which is why they are not included here.

Not all of these species have been photographed and we would love to have more pictures. If you can spot any of them and send us a photograph, we would love to hear from you.

Mammals	Notes	1978	Photo	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Badger		Y	4/6/12	15 May (RB)		10 Feb (SB)	4 May (SB)		
Bats									
Common Pipistrelle	All initially identified in 2018 & 2019 by Steve Budd on evening Bat Walks using a bat detector. All confirmed in 2021 by uploading the ultrasound scans to the BTO Acoustic Pipeline	Y			24 Mar (SB)	3 Jun (SB)	17 Mar (SB)	28 Jan (SB)	
Soprano Pipistrelle							9 Apr (SB)	30 Mar (SB)	
Nathusius Pipistrelle							3 Jun (SB)		
Serotine									30 Mar (SB)
Noctule		Y							
Leisler					8 Apr (SB)			17 Mar (SB)	30 Mar (SB)
Natterer								9 Apr (SB)	
Whiskered									
Brown Long Eared						23 Apr (LO)	9 Apr (SB)		
Cat									4 Jan (RB)
Deer	Roe or Muntjac not specified	Y	1/5/10	4 Apr (RyB)	8 Jan (HG)	7 Mar (RB)	29 Jan (RB)	15 Feb (RB)	
Fox		Y	18/8/09	6 May (JB)	2 May (RB)	10 Feb (SB)		8 Jan dead (HG)	
Hedgehog		Y							
Mice									
Harvest Mouse	In David's Crook	Y		15 May (ul)					
Wood Mouse		Y	28/5/12					17 July (RB)	
Yellow Necked Mouse	In David's Crook			20 May (ul)					
Mole	Usually only dead ones seen or Mole Hills	Y	23/7/21		23/7/21 (TFI)		28 Jan (RB) Mole Hills		
Rabbit		Y	18/7/13						
Rat, Brown		Y				10 Feb (SB)			
Shrews									
Common Shrew		Y	7/6/15		1/4/21 (RB)	6 July (HG)	1 June (SB)	26 June dead (TFI)	

Eurasian Water Shrew	In David's Crook			20 May (ul)					
Pigmy Shrew		Y				26 Jun (NF)		26 Mar dead (HG)	
Squirrel, Grey		Y	29/5/12	18 May (TFI)	23 Jan (NF)	2 Feb (TFI)	27 Feb (TFI)		15 Jan (RB)
White Squirrel	Variant of Grey Squirrel		30/4/10	19 Apr (JS)	2 Jan (KK)				
Voies									
Bank Vole		Y	19/7/12					16 Apr (RB)	
Field Vole		Y							
Weasel		Y				8 May (RB)		11 Oct (RH)	
Reptiles & Amphibians	Notes	1978	Photo	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Adder		Y							
Common Frog			19/8/15		23 Feb (SB)	21 Sept (LH)		31 July (RB)	
Common Frogspawn	Earliest date seen per year				22 Feb (RB)		6 Mar (RB)	18 Feb (RB)	
Tadpoles	In Jubilee pond				30 Mar (RB)	8 May (RB)			
Common Lizard		Y					8 Apr (KH)	16 Mar (HG)	
Common Toad		Y	28/6/14				19 Aug (NF)		
Newt			4/4/16						
Slow Worm		Y							