

# The Wildlife Trust / Beds, Cambs, Northants

June 2025

**Submitting official wildlife records** is valuable, and data can contribute to research, direct green space management, and inform local planning. Anyone can submit records directly to the county-based biological records centres, (ours is [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre](#)), or using the free app [iRecord](#).

Any wildlife record is valid, from the blackbird in your garden, to the orchid in your nature reserve. If you can get a photo, your record is more likely to be accepted. You need to know the name of the species though, so here are some identification tips:

## Websites

- The [Wildlife Trust BCN's website](#) has guides, biological keys, and information
- The [Wildlife Trust BCNs Monitoring and Research Facebook page](#) has knowledgeable staff and volunteers who can help identify all kinds of wildlife
- [The RSPB website](#) has an A-Z of birds including bird songs
- [The Woodland Trust website](#) has an A-Z of trees

## Free apps

- [Merlin](#) is a brilliant app to identify bird song
- [ObsIdentify](#) uses photos to identify any species with a % confidence level
- [Seek](#) does a similar thing to ObsIdentify
- [Froglife's Dragonfinder app](#) helps identify and record reptiles and amphibians
- [Google Lens](#) (not as good as other options as it is not regionally specific)

**The fold-out guides** made by the [Field Studies Council](#) are great for common wildlife, fairly cheap, and are accessible for children. There are lots of different guides; I recommend: butterflies, garden birds, trees, woodland plants, and bees.

## June events

All events involve a chance to improve your identification skills. For a complete list, please visit [wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events)

- Sit and Chat in Nature (for adults):
  - **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June:** 1.30 to 3.30 pm and Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June / 10 am to 12 noon at Trumpington Meadows.
  - **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June:** 10 am to 12 noon at Cambourne.
- **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June:** 11 am to 5 pm / Wildlife Trust BCN Open Garden event, Cambourne.

- **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Gamlingay Bioblitz (Gamlingay Climate Action Group).
- **Friday mornings,** 9.30 am to 11ish / Little Bugs pre-school sessions, Cambourne.
- **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June:** 7 to 8.15 pm / Seasonal stroll at Trumpington Meadows.
- **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June:** 9.30 to 11.30 am / Nature and Natter bug hunting for adults, Trumpington Meadows.
- **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Trumpington Meadows biodiversity event (a council event).
- **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June:** 6.30 to 8.30 pm / Youth Rangers evening wildflower walk, Trumpington Meadows.

Further information

- [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)
- [cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org)
- @wildlifebcn

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.