

The Wildlife Trust / Beds, Cambs, Northants

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Summer is peak time for hoverflies, and they can be found anywhere there are flowers. They are useful pollinators, and amazing mimics, having the warning colours and appearance of bees or wasps, (so predators leave them alone), but without a sting.

There are over 280 species in the UK, and an average suburban garden might have 40. Did you know there is a hornet mimic which is a big fly with brown and yellow patterns, and a (hairy) bumblebee mimic which actually comes in two varieties to match different bee species, one black with a red tail, and the other with yellow stripes and a white tail? There is even a hoverfly with the batman symbol on its thorax!

One of the most common, called the marmalade fly, has yellow and black stripes with little moustache patterns. This one can migrate from continental Europe.

The Wildlife Trusts and The Royal Horticultural Society have teamed up to provide a free booklet all about hoverflies, and how you can help them, you can find it on the [Wild About Gardens website](#).

July events (charges apply. A complete list can be found on our website: wildlifebcn.org/events)

- Friday mornings, 9.30 to about 11.00 am: Little Bugs pre-school sessions, Cambourne
- Monday, 14th July – 9.30 am to 12.00 pm: Monthly meander at Trumpington Meadows
- Friday, 18th July – 10.30 to 11.45 am: Seasonal stroll at Trumpington Meadows
- Friday, 18th July – 8.30 to 11.00 pm: Night walk from Cambourne to Bourn Windmill
- Saturday, 19th July – 9.00 am to 12.30 pm: Summer walk from Cambourne to Bourn Windmill
- Wednesday, 23rd July – 8.00 to 10 pm: Nature and Natter, walk and campfire for adults, Cambourne
- Saturday, 26th July – 10.00 am to 3.30 pm: Free drop-in for family activities and/or a chat at Trumpington Meadows
- Tuesday, 29th July – 3.00 to 5.00 pm: Wilder Stories at Sawston Library
- Wednesday 30th July (Cambourne) and Thursday 31st July (Trumpington Meadows) – 10.00 am to about 12.00 pm: the first of the weekly family sessions for the summer holidays, making mini rafts

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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.