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Exploring your passion for wildlife and nature

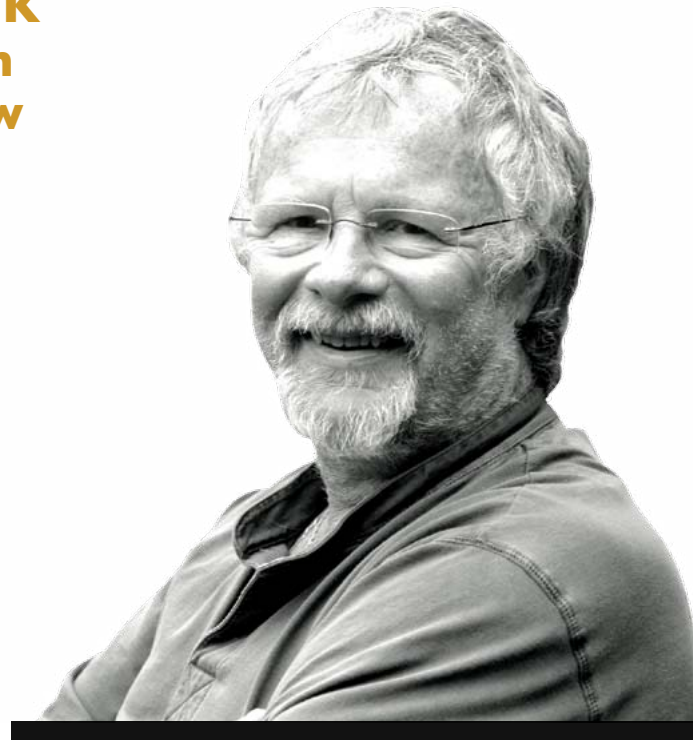


The BBC Nature and BBC Nature UK websites have lots of information on animals, plants and habitats and how to find wildlife activities near you.



What you need to have covered already:

- Switching on your computer
- Using a mouse
- Desktop and icons
- Using a keyboard
- What the internet is
- Searching the internet



Bill Oddie

Wildlife and Nature presenter

“The internet has so many amazing facts and photographs of wildlife. I use it nearly every day”

Exploring your passion for nature and wildlife using the BBC Nature and Nature UK websites



Nature enthusiasts will enjoy searching for wildlife photographs, video clips and nature related activities for the whole family using these simple step by step guides.

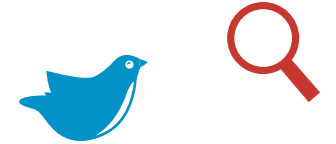


- How to use the **BBC Things To Do Activity Finder** to search for outdoor activities
- How to register for the **BBC Nature Newsletter** to help keep up to date with wildlife news
- How to use the **BBC Nature Wildlife interactive tool** to find amazing photographs and facts about a whole range of animal species



BBC Nature Things To Do

Indulge your passion for the great outdoors using the Things To Do activity finder. It's jam packed with activities by the BBC and partners for the whole family to enjoy.



This section covers:

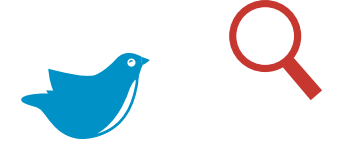
- Using the BBC Nature **Things To Do** activity finder
- Using a website's own search engine





BBC Nature Things To Do

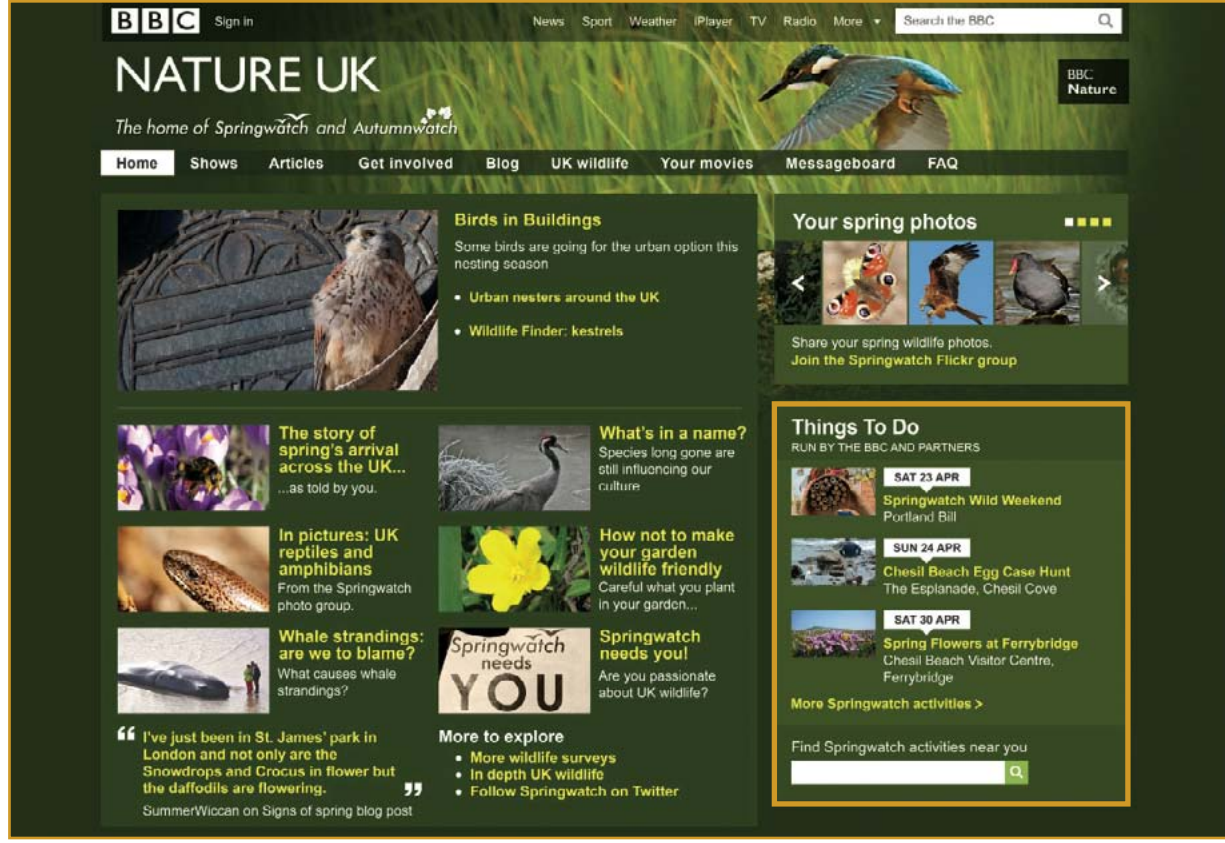
Opening and using Things To Do



The **Things To Do** search engine can be found on the BBC Nature UK website.

To get started type the address **www.bbc.co.uk/nature/uk** into your web browser and press **enter**.

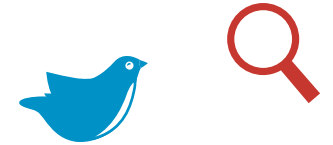
Find the **Things To Do** search engine on the right hand side of the page.





BBC Nature Things To Do

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It has a **search box** like other search engines.

Type a **postcode** or **town** name into the search box to find a local event or activity.

Click on the **magnifying glass** to start the search.

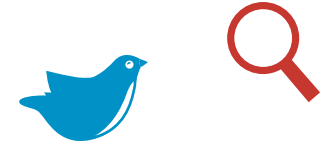
A screenshot of the BBC Nature Things To Do website. The page has a dark green background. At the top, it says "Things To Do" and "RUN BY THE BBC AND PARTNERS". Below this, there are three event cards. The first card is for "Springwatch Wild Weekend" on "SAT 23 APR" at "Portland Bill", with a small image of a person holding a camera. The second card is for "Chesil Beach Egg Case Hunt" on "SUN 24 APR" at "The Esplanade, Chesil Cove", with a small image of a person on a beach. The third card is for "Spring Flowers at Ferrybridge" on "SAT 30 APR" at "Chesil Beach Visitor Centre, Ferrybridge", with a small image of purple flowers. Below the event cards, there is a link "More Springwatch activities >". At the bottom, there is a search bar with the text "Find Springwatch activities near you" and a magnifying glass icon. A large circular callout with a yellow border is overlaid on the search bar, showing a magnified view of the search bar and the magnifying glass icon. A yellow arrow points from the right towards the callout.

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BBC Nature Things To Do

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The search results will appear in a list arranged by date.

Click on an activity to **select** it.

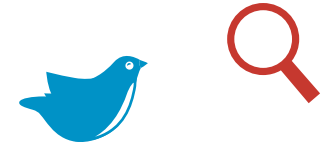
The screenshot shows the BBC 'THINGS TO DO' website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Activities', and 'Help' tabs, and a search bar set to 'Portland'. Below the navigation, a banner reads 'THINGS TO DO ACTIVITIES RUN BY THE BBC AND PARTNERS'. A 'Filter results by:' section on the right allows filtering by interests (Nature is selected), date (Any time is selected), and suitability (Any age is selected). The main content area displays 'Springwatch activities in Portland (15)'. Two activities are highlighted: 'Springwatch Wild Weekend' on Saturday 23 April, run by BBC, and 'Chesil Beach Egg Case Hunt' on Sunday 24 April, run by Dorset Wildlife Trust.

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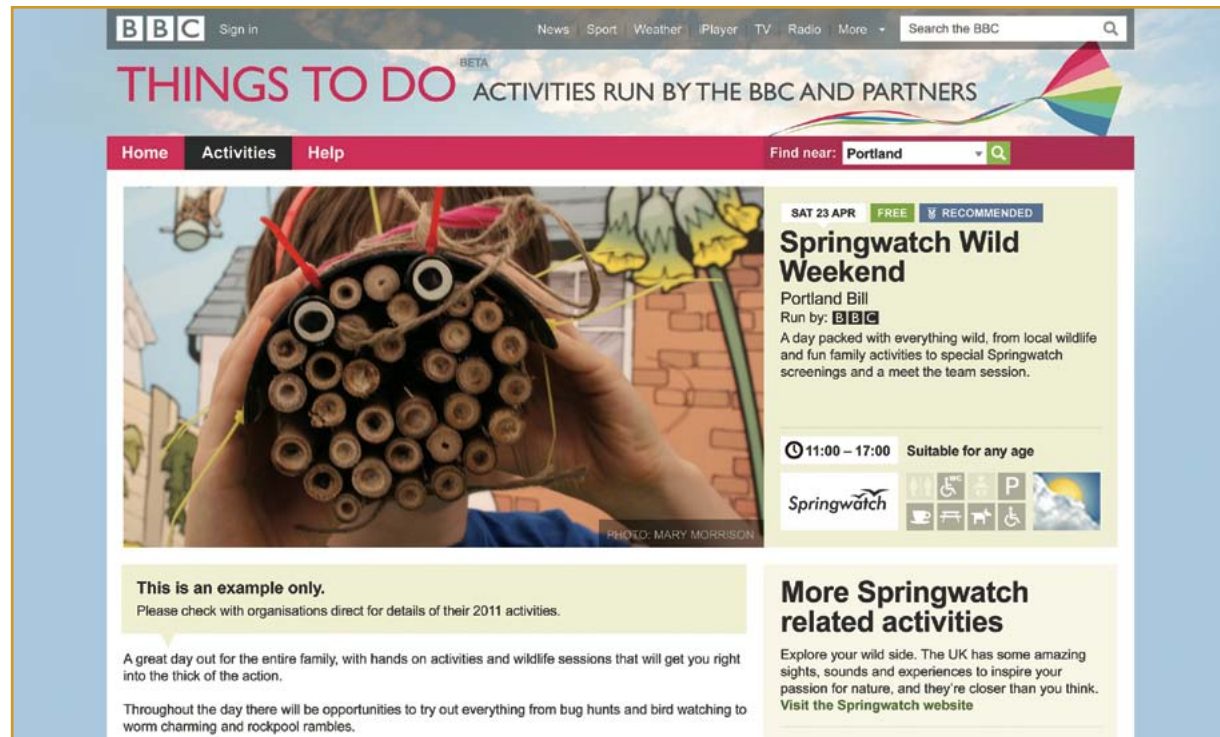


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Selecting an activity takes you to a new page where you can view more detailed information about the activity including opening hours, address and cost.

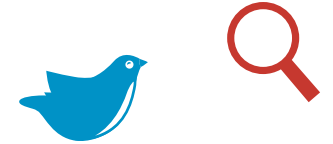


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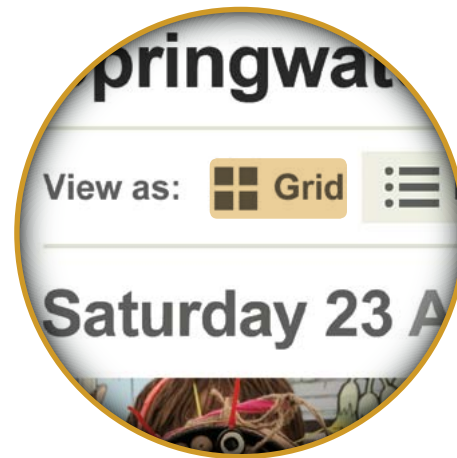
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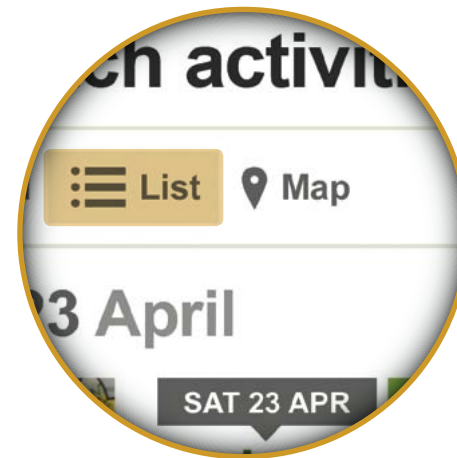
Practise your searching skills by looking for **events** and **places of interest** near your home, or near your favourite places to visit.

Try viewing the results as a **grid**, **list** or **map** by using these icons in your results page.

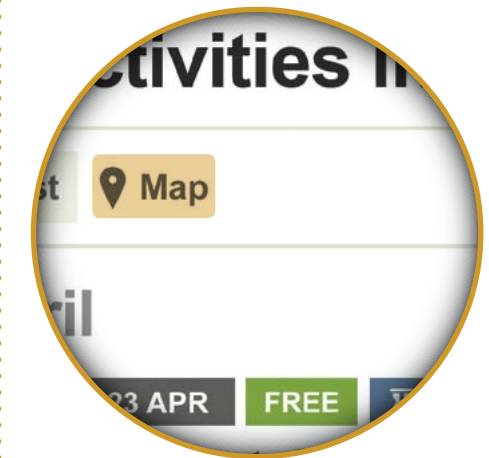
Grid



List



Map





BBC Nature Newsletter

Keep up to date with your favourite wildlife by signing up for the BBC Nature newsletter.



It's jam packed with information on animals, plants, ecozones and habitats as well as useful links to other great content on the BBC Nature website.

Don't forget! You'll need an email address to receive a newsletter.



This section covers:

- What is a newsletter?
- How to register for a newsletter



BBC Nature Newsletter

Registering for the BBC Nature newsletter



To register for the **BBC Nature newsletter** you need to type the address **www.bbc.co.uk/nature/newsletter** into your web browser and press **enter**.

Type your email address into the box under the header **Subscribe** and click the button marked **Go**.

Note: Your email address will be kept confidential, and will only be used to send you this newsletter.



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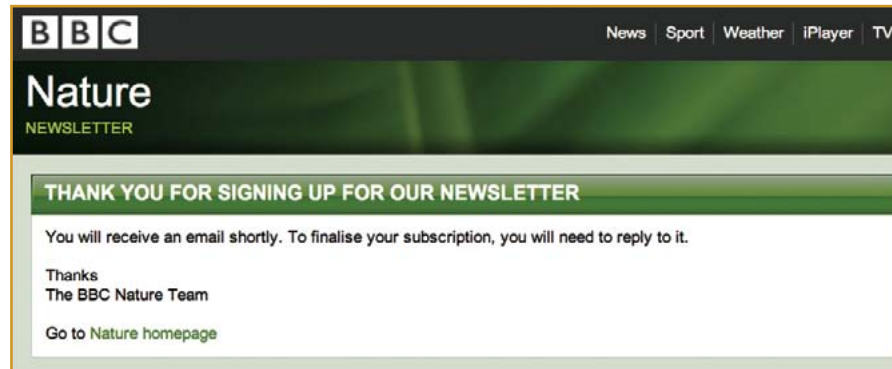


BBC Nature Newsletter

Registering for the BBC Nature newsletter



This will take you to a page thanking you for signing up to the newsletter.





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Registering for the BBC Nature newsletter



You will be taken back to the **BBC Nature** site where your subscription will be confirmed.

THANK YOU FOR SIGNING UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

We can confirm that you have successfully completed the subscription process.

We send Nature newsletters about every two weeks, so you will hear from us again soon.

Thanks
The BBC Nature Team

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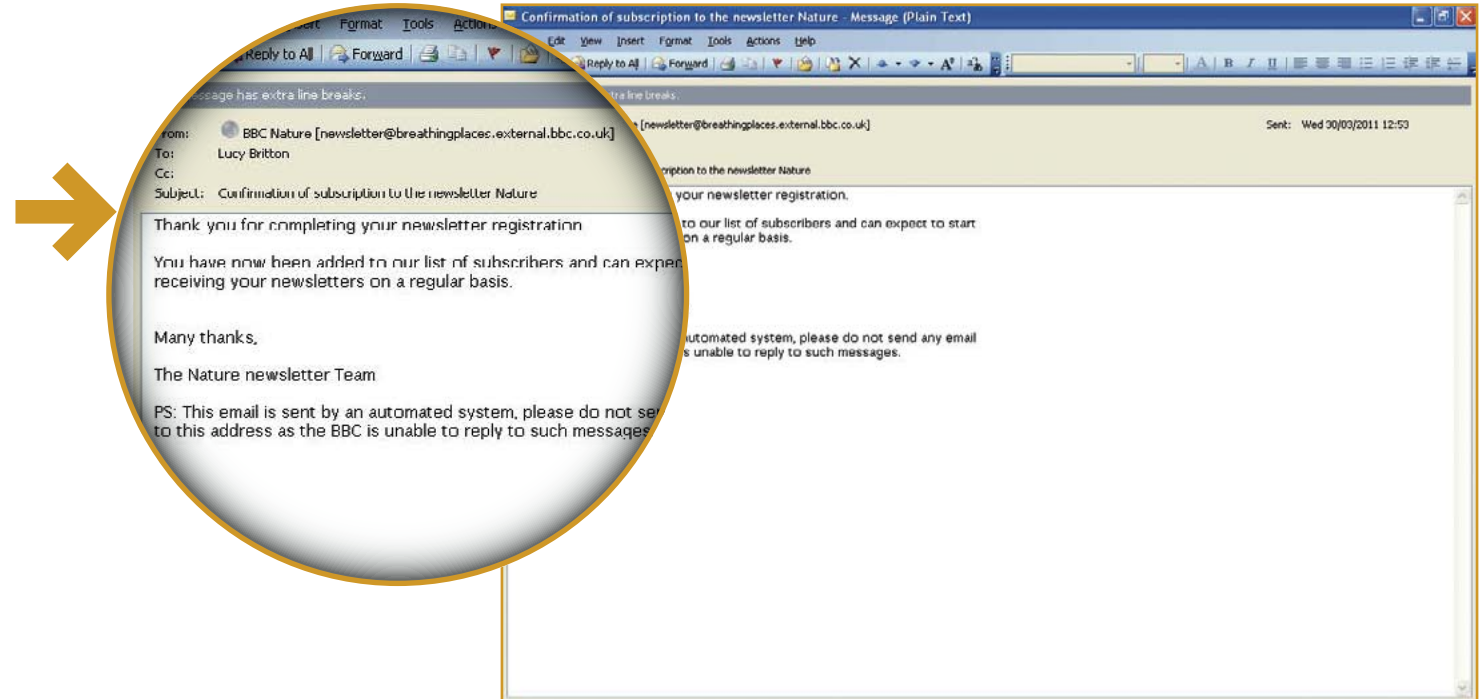


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You will also receive an email confirmation in your inbox.





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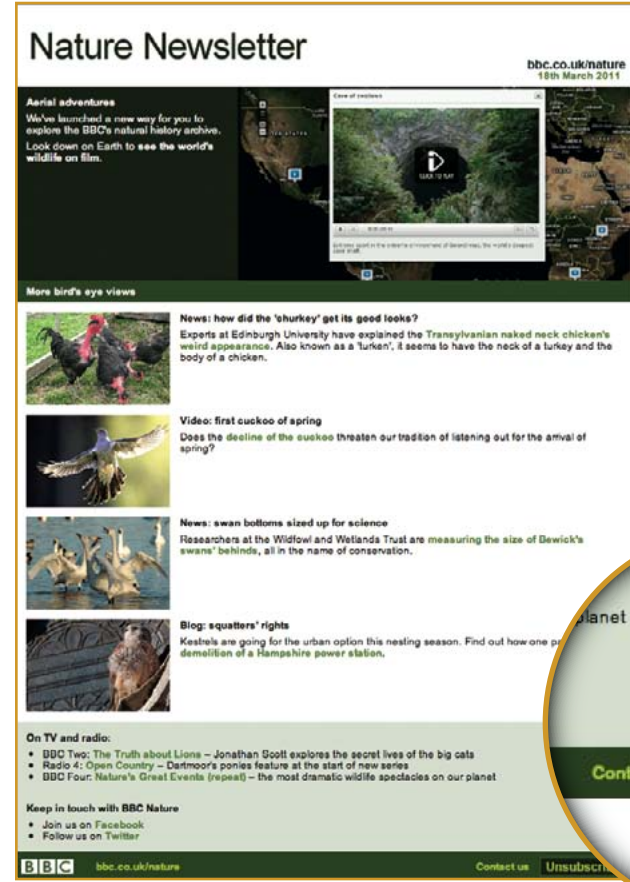
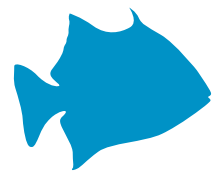


The newsletter will be sent to you on a regular basis.

If you wish to unsubscribe, click on the **unsubscribe button** on the bottom right corner of the newsletter.

This will take you back to the subscribe page on the **BBC Nature website**.

Enter your email address in the unsubscribe box and click on **Go**.



BBC Nature Wildlife

Use the **Wildlife** interactive tool to find amazing photographs and facts about a whole range of species. Why not use this handy interactive tool to see what you can discover.

This section covers:

- How to use the **Wildlife interactive tool**
- Using a website's own search engine
- Searching a database using keywords and drop down menus





BBC Nature Wildlife

Opening and using the Wildlife interactive tool



Open the **Wildlife interactive tool** by typing the address **bbc.co.uk/nature/wildlife** into your web browser and press **enter**.

It has a **search box** like all search engines.

Scroll down the page until the **Find wildlife box** appears on the right hand side.

The screenshot shows the BBC Nature Wildlife website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'BBC' logo, 'News Sport Weather iPlayer TV Radio More', and a search bar. Below that, the main heading is 'NATURE WILDLIFE'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Home | Blog | Video collections | Wildlife | Prehistoric life | Places | Contact'. The main content area features a large image of Jonathan Scott with cheetahs, a 'Fabulous felines' article, and a 'Find wildlife' search box. The search box is highlighted with a yellow circle and an arrow.





BBC Nature Wildlife

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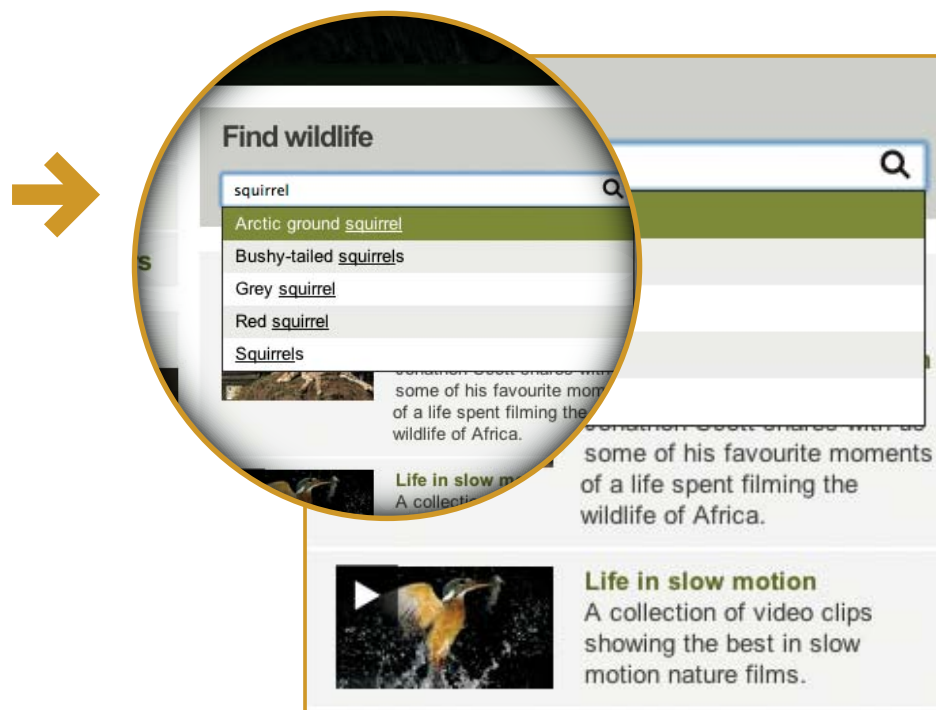


To search for a species you need to type **key words** into the search box.

Practise by typing the word 'squirrel' into the search box.

This will automatically bring up a list of different species.

Click on your preferred option to **select** it.





BBC Nature Wildlife

Opening and using the Wildlife interactive tool



The results from your search will return more detailed information about the species, including photographs, maps and videos.



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RED SQUIRREL (*SCURUS VULGARIS*)

Wildlife Finder > Animals > Mammals > Red squirrel

Red squirrels were once the only species of squirrel in Europe. This changed with the introduction of the grey squirrel to the UK from America in the late 1800s. Spending most of their time in the tree tops, red squirrels make use of several drays inside their range. They don't hibernate, but remain in the dray for several days at a time during bad weather.

Scientific name: *Scurus vulgaris*
 Rank: Species
 Common names: Eurasian red squirrel

Introduction

- Sylvan sanctuary Living Britain: Man-made conifer forests are vital sanctuaries for red squirrels, goshawks and others.
- Red squirrel Eden British Isles - A Natural History: Conifer timber plantations may not be great habitats, but they do turn red squirrels into
- Squirrel secrets Bill Oddie Goshawk: The truth about the battle between red and grey squirrels.
- Forest spirit Springwatch: Simon King gets up close to a red squirrel.
- Squirrel country Bill Oddie's How to Watch Wildlife: A red squirrel gets comfortably set for a nice long nibble.

Distribution

Species range provided by WWF's Wildfinder.

The Red squirrel can be found in a number of locations including: Asia, China, Europe, Russia, United Kingdom. Find out more about these places and what else lives there.

Habitats

The following habitats are found across the Red squirrel distribution range. Find out more about these environments, what it takes to live there and what else inhabits them.

- Desert
- Flooded grassland
- Mediterranean forest
- Mountain grassland

Classification

- Life
- Animals
- Vertebrates
- Mammals
- Rodents
- Squirrels
- Bushy-tailed squirrels
- Red squirrel

Sounds

- Red squirrel calls (1:09)

Find wildlife

Search for your favourite wildlife

Earth News

Squirrels and fells vie for award

A project in west Cumbria is in the running for a European grant to help it protect an important red squirrel habitat.

- Cornwall to welcome red squirrels
- Baby squirrel rescued by gan-dog
- Black is the new grey for squirrels
- Cash helps protect red squirrels
- Government grants Avonmore plan
- NI gardens shelter red squirrels

See all Red squirrel news stories

Programmes

- Catch Up: Saving Species: Episode 34
- Catch Up: Nature: Series 4: A Local Patch, part 1





BBC Nature Wildlife

Opening and using the Wildlife interactive tool



Practise your searching skills by typing the names of different wildlife into the **Wildlife interactive tool** and have fun exploring.

Mammals



Insects



Birds

