

Summer Spotter Sheet

Wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula



Peacock butterfly

Deep-red wings with black spots and blue eyespots. The dark brown undersides help it to camouflage among dead leaves.

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Yellow flag iris

The large yellow flower petals fold back on themselves and sit on a tall reed stem, with long narrow leaves that droop at the ends.

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Mullein moth caterpillar

These distinctive yellow, black and white caterpillars like to feed on mullein, buddleia and figwort plants.

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Dog rose

This bright, five-petalled flower can be seen in hedgerows. Like other roses, the stems of the plant have sharp thorns!

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Red campion

Found in hedgerows and along ditch banks, its rose-red flowers have five deeply-notched petals and the leaves are hairy.

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Common frog

Smooth skin that is usually green and brown but sometimes red or yellow! They lay jelly-like frogspawn in ponds.

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Greater knapweed

A feast for bees and butterflies, the large 'flowers' are actually *composite* flower heads made up of many florets (tiny flowers).

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Common carder bee

Ginger all over with short black hairs on the abdomen, this bumblebee is easy to spot as it forages nectar from flowers.

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Take this sheet out on a walk with you and use the boxes to tick off the species that you see!