

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), Fiona McGrory (FM), Kirsty Jefferyes (KJ)

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.

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| Common Shrew | | Y | 7/6/15 | | 1/4/21 (RB) | 6 July (HG) | 1 June (SB) | 26 June dead (TFI) | 3 July dead (HG) | |
| 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) | | | | | |
| Voles | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Vole | | Y | 19/7/12 | | | | | 16 Apr (RB) | 27 July (LO) | 17 Jan (RB) |
| Field Vole | | Y | | | | | | | | |
| Weasel | | Y | | | | 8 May (RB) | | 11 Oct (RH) | 10 Apr (FM) | |
| 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) | 22 Feb (RB) | |
| Tadpoles | In Jubilee pond | | | | 30 Mar (RB) | 8 May (RB) | | | | |
| Common Lizard | | Y | | | | | 8 Apr (KH) | 16 Mar (HG) | 16 Apr (HG) | |
| Common Toad | | Y | 28/6/14 | | | | 19 Aug (NF) | | | |
| Newt | | | 4/4/16 | | | | | | 28 June (RB) | |
| Slow Worm | | Y | | | | | | | | |