

# Get wild about Devon

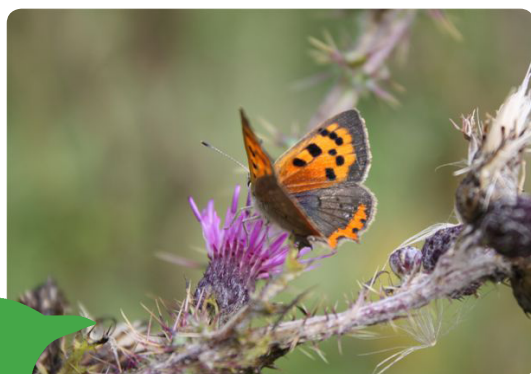
## at The Old Kennels

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Situated on the Devon / Somerset border in the heart of the Blackdown Hills the Old Kennels is a quiet rural retreat where you can learn or improve skills in variety of traditional arts and crafts.

Walk around the grassland paddocks at the Old Kennels and you'll see the Alpacas which help to keep down some of the more tolerant and invasive grassland species. The paddocks have many species of flora and fauna; tracks and signs of mammals and a wealth of birdsong.

The rough grassland paddocks have a diverse species of flora. Flowers such as common century with its tightly packed clusters of pink flowers, the long stemmed ox-eye daisy, the yellow flowers of birds-foot trefoil and meadow vetchling and tiny pale blue flowers of miniature forget-me not and field speedwell can easily be identified.

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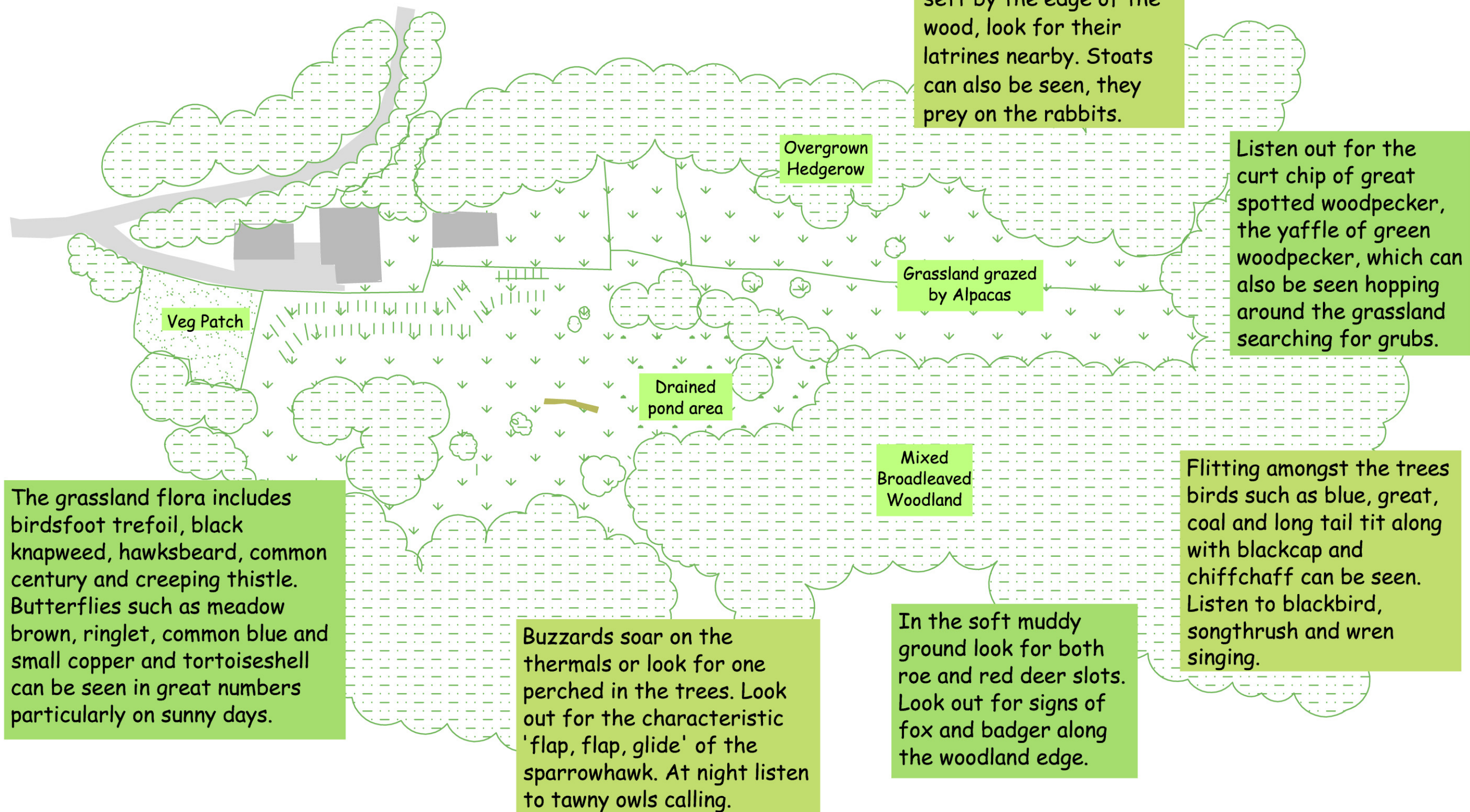
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# Species List

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### Trees & Shrubs

Ash  
Beech  
Black Alder  
Blackthorn  
Buddleia  
Elder  
Field Maple  
Hawthorn  
Hazel  
Holly  
Oak  
Rowan  
Scots pine  
Silver Birch  
Sweet chestnut  
Wild cherry  
Willow

### Plants

Annual meadow grass  
Bluebell  
Birds foot trefoil  
Bramble  
Burdock  
Cleavers  
Celandines  
Cocksfoot

Ground Ivy  
Giant hogweed  
Common dog violet  
Cow parsley  
Creeping buttercup  
Creeping Thistle  
Enchanter's nightshade  
Early purple orchid  
Greater plantain  
Greater sedge  
Germander speedwell  
Field speedwell  
Herb robert  
Honeysuckle  
Herb Bennet  
Ivy  
Lord and ladies  
Meadow vetchling  
Nettle

Primrose  
Red campion  
Snowdrop  
Timothy  
Water figwort  
Water mint  
Yellow flag iris  
Yorkshire fog

### Ferns

Hard fern  
Harts tongue fern  
Lady fern  
Male fern  
Scaly male fern

### Mammals

Badger  
Bank vole  
Common shrew  
Field mouse  
Fox  
Hedgehog  
Mole  
Pipistrelle bat  
Rabbit  
Stoat  
Wood mouse

### Birds

Barn owl  
Blackbird  
Blackcap  
Blue tit  
Buzzard  
Canada goose  
Carrion crow

Chaffinch  
Chiffchaff  
Coal tit  
Dunnock  
Fieldfare  
Goldfinch  
Great tit  
Great spotted woodpecker  
Greenfinch  
Green woodpecker  
Grey wagtail  
House martin  
House sparrow  
Jackdaw  
Jay  
Kestrel  
Kingfisher  
Linnet  
Little owl  
Long tail tit  
Meadow pipit  
Mallard  
Mistle thrush  
Moorhen  
Nuthatch  
Pied wagtail  
Raven

Redwing  
Robin  
Rook  
Skylark  
Song thrush  
Sparrowhawk  
Swallow  
Snipe  
Swift  
Tawny owl  
Treetreeper  
Wren  
Whitethroat  
Willow warbler  
Yellow hammer

### Reptiles & Amphibians

Common lizard  
Frog  
Grass snake  
Palmate newt  
Slow worm  
Toad

*NB This is not a comprehensive list*

## Wildlife places of interest nearby

### Ashculm Turbary (SSSI) – Devon Wildlife Trust – OS Map: ST 147 159

The nature reserve covers 6.5 hectares (16 acres) of gently sloping ground, most of which lies below the spring line of the surrounding hills. Here the permanently wet soils have developed wet heath and peat bog plant communities which are now rare or declining in Devon. Ashculm Turbary supports a number of interesting invertebrate species, including the keeled skimmer dragonfly which is quite scarce in Britain. Over 50 species of birds visit or breed on the reserve including barn owls, which can sometimes be seen hunting over the heath. Dormice and harvest mice are also present and roe deer are frequent visitors. The reserve also supports populations of adders and smooth newts. **For more information call 01392 279244.**

### The Rough – Devon Wildlife Trust – OS Map: ST 178 041

The Rough lies within the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It is typical of the once frequent spring-line grassland communities found within the Blackdown Hills, and contributes greatly to the landscape appeal of the area. The grassland supports a diverse flora with a wide variety of grasses (including quaking grass) and sedges. Herbaceous species include yellow pimpernel, sneezewort, common and heath spotted orchids and ragged robin. The small area of woodland to the west of the reserve is dominated by alder. The hedgebank boundaries of the reserve support various fern species and trees including field maple and dogwood. The diverse flora supports 17 recorded species of butterfly, including small pearl-bordered fritillary and marbled white. Buzzard, sparrowhawk, green and greater spotted woodpecker are regularly seen. Badgers inhabit the area and fallow and roe deer can also be seen.