

# Animals of the UK

## WILD CAT

The Scottish Wildcat is completely wild and there are only around 400 left in the wild.



## URBAN FOX

Foxes can live in the wild but also live in towns and cities. It is believed that there are 33,000 foxes living in our cities!



## NOISY HEDGEHOGS

Did you know that hedgehogs make grunting sounds like pigs? That's why they are called hedgehogs!



## A MEAL FOR A MOUSE!

Mice eat between 15-20 times a day!



## OH DEER!

There are 6 different species of deer that live in the UK.

Male deer are called stags or bucks and female deer are called does or hinds.





### PARAKEETS

Parakeets originate from India and Africa and no one knows how they came to the UK. Some people believe that they were released from a film set!



### BLACKBIRDS

Blackbirds are native to Europe and common across the whole of the UK. Did you know that some species of blackbird are white?!

### SPARROW

Sparrow populations are in decline. However there are still an estimated 10 million sparrows in the UK!



### ROBINS

Robins are very friendly birds and can be tamed to eat from your hand. They eat a mixed diet of seeds and bugs.



### BADGERS

Badgers are found all over the UK. They are nocturnal: hiding and sleeping during the day and coming out at night.



### SPEEDY SQUIRRELS

Squirrels are fast animals and can run up to 20mph!



### THRUSH!

There are over 60 different species of thrush across the world.



### IN OTTER NEWS

Otters live for up to 16 years in the wild and there are 13 different species all around the world.



# WHAT WILDLIFE CAN BE FOUND IN THE UK?

## PART 1: QUIZ

1) What is the most interesting fact you have learned about the United Kingdom so far?

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2) What would like to find out more about?

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GLOSSARY	
<b>native</b>	animals that were born in and have always lived in the place where they live now
<b>habitat</b>	the place that an animal lives, that gives the animal its food and shelter
<b>diet</b>	the food that an animal eats
<b>diversity</b>	variety; having lots of different types of eg wildlife
<b>imported</b>	brought in from a different place

## PART 2: WHICH ANIMALS ARE NATIVE TO THE UK?

The UK has a huge variety of habitats: rivers, mountains, woodland, coasts, meadows and many more. This provides excellent homes for many different plants and animals. However, many of these habitats are at risk from building and pollution. In order to keep the diversity of our wildlife, we need to look after and protect it.

### Mammals

Some common animals native to the UK include foxes, hedgehogs, deer, badgers, seals, mice and otters. Red squirrels used to be common. However, over 100 years ago, American grey squirrels were imported. They carried a disease which killed off lots of the red squirrels so these are now very rare and can only be found in the North and England and Scotland.

### Birds

Common British birds include the robin, thrush, blackbird, sparrow and of course pigeons! However, in London, some of these are under threat from green parakeets. Nobody really knows where these birds came from.

### Endangered species

Scottish wildcats are the only wild cats left in the UK. Their habitats are under threat and it is thought that there are only around 400 left in the wild.



### PART 3: LET'S SURVEY THE WILDLIFE IN OUR LOCAL AREA!

**MY WILDLIFE SURVEY**

I found a \_\_\_\_\_

Its habitat is \_\_\_\_\_

Its diet is \_\_\_\_\_

It is important because \_\_\_\_\_

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Draw a picture of the favourite animal you found inside here:



### PART 4: WHY IS DIVERSITY IMPORTANT?

Diversity is important because \_\_\_\_\_

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