

Wildlife in the City

Explore the museum and look for the animals that live alongside us in towns and cities

Trail symbol key:



Find this animal in the museum



Look closer



Talk to your family/friends



Herring gull
Lesser black-backed gulls



Explore the dioramas in the lower gallery, this shows the natural habitat of sea-birds like gulls

Parks and gardens provide a natural green space amongst the buildings



Muntjac deer
Squirrel
Blackbird
Robin

Buildings provide gulls with high, cliff-like nesting spots, and humans leave around enough organic waste for them to eat!



Peregrine falcons nest on towers of old buildings



Do you see these in your local park?



Spread your 'wings' like a gull or falcon



Waterways are important for wildlife



Swans
Geese
Ducks
Bank vole



Can you find animals that you have seen on the River Cam or another city river?

Can you buzz like a bee?

Graveyards are often undisturbed sanctuaries for wildlife. Many are growing wild flowers amongst the graves and old yew trees.



Butterflies
Spiders
Wood mouse
Blue tit



At night, nocturnal creatures have the city to themselves. Foxes walk the streets looking for food and hedgehogs snuffle in the ground after beetles, slugs and worms.

Can you find these animals in the museum?

Many moths fly at night, but did you know how colourful they can be?



With a friend, count the colours you can see on the moths on display



Pipistrelle bats swish and swoop at twilight to catch moths. See them swooping overhead as you enter the upper gallery

Move your hand to swoop like a bat



Fox

Lightly move your feet like a fox sneaking up on dinner

Can you scurry (small steps) like a rat?

Otters are on the increase in our urban waterways

A sign that the water is healthy, as otters need plenty of fish to eat!



Hedgehogs roam a long way to find enough food. Ask your family/friends: "how far does a hedgehog travel in one night?"



Eurasian otter
Freshwater fish

Answer: 4 kilometres

