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Cambridge Wildlife Safari

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GO ON SAFARI IN CAMBRIDGE'S GREEN SPACES AND DISCOVER THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS THAT LIVE THERE


- 1 Museum of Zoology slate wall and roof:** Find the tree made of slate at the 'tail end' of the Museum of Zoology's Whale Hall. Behind the slate are over 3,000 vacant snail shells creating homes for other invertebrates such as spiders and solitary bees.
- 2 Peregrines, Trumpington St. and Kings Parade:** Look up! Cambridge's resident peregrine falcons can often be seen perching on the spires of Emmanuel United Reform Church, Pitt Building and on top of Kings College Chapel.
- 3 Hobsons Conduit, Trumpington St.:** There are 24 species of Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) to be found in Cambridge city. See if you can spot an emperor dragonfly or common darter along this stretch of water. Follow the conduit down until it becomes a brook to look out for water-violet flowers.
- 4 Mill Pond and Coe Fen:** Common red soldier beetles are quite narrow and rectangular and are often seen pairing up on flat, open flowers. You might also see centipede or woodlice around the fallen trees, or heron near the water.
- 5 Riverside behind Peterhouse College:** Here you will likely see beetles of all sorts, including the devil's coach-horse. As these beetles hunt other invertebrates at night, turning over logs or leaf litter is a good way to see them during the day. Head towards the water to see pink-footed and Canadian geese, moorhens and mallard ducks.
- 6 Little St. Mary's Church Yard, Little St. Mary's Lane:** Keep an eye out for our native seven spot ladybird and larvae among the tall flowers, with its characteristic red and black colouration and seven black spots.
- 7 Silver Street Bridge:** Visit the bridge at dusk to spot Daubenton's bats flying to catch a meal about the river.



- 8 Viewpoint for Kings College Meadows (along the 'Backs'):** From this spot, you can see Kings College and its wildflower meadow. All kinds of pollinators enjoy this meadow, not just bees, but also butterflies, hoverflies, beetles and even wasps.
- 9 Senate House and passage:** Take a stroll past Senate House for wildlife living in the gaps. Wall-rue has been known to grow on the House steps since 1860 and the moss, *Tortula muralis*, can be found along the passage walls.
- 10 Market Square:** Find the drain cover with heart tongue ferns poking through in this city-centre spot.
- 11 Jesus Green:** Head to the flowerbeds near the tennis courts to see bees visiting the flowers, pollinating as they go. Keep an eye out for large round bumblebees, narrower, long honey bees and the many species of solitary bee, which are usually much smaller. Watch for grey squirrels climbing in the trees or swans by the river.
- 12 Midsummer Common:** Take a look under log piles to spot ground beetles. They are usually black or brown in colour but many species also have a metallic sheen, with hints of blue, green and purple.
- 13 Logan's Meadow (opposite Museum of Technology):** This meadow is an excellent place to see wildlife. To see the speckled wood butterfly, go to the wooded section of the nature reserve. Looking up into the trees you may see woodpeckers, kingfishers, goldfinch or cormorants. Water voles, frogs and dragonflies are found by the streams.
- 14 Mill Road Cemetery:** An excellent spot for bird watching. Visitors may see common chiffchaff, blackcaps, song thrush, common buzzard, greenfinch and goldfinch, and more.

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