

Key species to report:

DIPPER

ID: Often seen bobbing up and down on a rock or flying low along a river

When: All year round

Where: Rivers



NARROW BORDED BEE HAWK MOTH

ID: Translucent wings and two black bands. Larger than a bee

When: Mid May to June around noon

Where: Wild flower rich peatland and grassland



NARROW-BORDERED FIVE SPOT BURNET MOTH

ID: Bluish black wings with 5 red spots. Similar to Six spot Burnet Moths so count spots carefully

When: June to August



LATTICED HEATH

ID: A small moth with a latticed effect on its wings. Often flies in the daytime

When: Summer

Where: Calcareous grassland, heathland and moorland.



IRISH HARE

ID: Much larger than rabbits with long back legs, big feet and long ears with black tips.

When: All year but best seen in summer

Where: Grassland or moorland



BUTTERFLY ORCHID

ID: Distinctive white orchid of which there are Lesser and Greater species.

When: June –July

Where: Species rich damp grassland.



LIZARD

ID: Variable in colour, but usually brownish-grey, with darker strips on sides

When: Warm summer days

Where: Basking on fence posts, logs or rocks in grass or moorland



SMOOTH NEWT

ID: Grey-brown with orange belly and black spots all over. Males have a smooth crest on their back in the breeding season.

When: April to September in water or hibernating under stones or logs in winter

Where: Still water with submergent vegetation and scrub nearby



BARN OWL

ID: Large white bird with heart shaped face that glides silently on rounded wings

When: All year round

Where: At dusk over meadows and farmland



SOLITARY BEE BANKS

ID: Small bees who nest in tiny holes in earthen banks

When: June to August

Where: Banks in fields or old hedge banks

