

Autumn Spotter Sheet

Wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula



Blackberry

A delicious autumn treat for us and a very important food for many creatures. Dormice, voles and starlings love snacking on them.



Coot

A familiar black water bird with a white bill. Coots are omnivores which means they eat plants and berries as well as fish, small mammals and eggs!



Crab apple tree

Small, red apples hang from stems with green oval leaves. Crab apples are very sour, but they are loved by blackbirds, thrushes, mice and voles.



Teasel

Round and prickly, teasel seed heads are protected by large spikes, and were once used to tease out wool fibres.



Roe deer

Our most common native deer species, the majestic roe deer has short antlers and a white rear-end with no visible tail.



Hazelnut

Hazel trees grow hazelnuts inside pale shells. Nuts are high in protein and fat which helps small mammals put on weight to keep warm over winter!



Fly agaric

The classic fairy-tale toadstool is often found beneath birch trees. They are poisonous so do not eat them!



Brent geese

Large flocks collect together in estuaries and coastal marshes. Listen out for the continual honking and cronking as they chat to each other.

Take this sheet out on a walk with you and use the boxes to tick off the species that you see!