



Wildlife	Where to go	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Avocet	Watch these delicate black and white wading birds along the Humber Estuary at YWT North Cave Wetlands (Brough), Kilnsea Wetlands (Spurn), RSPB Blacktoft Sands (Goole) and in West Yorkshire at RSPB Fairburn Ings (Castleford).				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Barn owl	The sheltered valleys of the Yorkshire Wolds or Wykeham Valley (Scarborough) are good hunting grounds, along with Tophill Low (Driffield) and the Lower Derwent Valley wetlands near York.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bittern	With their evocative 'boom' call in spring, bitterns are a sought after species, with RSPB Blacktoft Sands (Goole) and Old Moor/Dearne Valley (Barnsley), and YWT Potteric Carr (Doncaster) all top spots to try.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Butterflies	With around two-dozen species in the county, including some of Britain's most striking, try YWT Brockdale (Pontefract), YWT Wharram Quarry and Kiplingcotes (Yorkshire Wolds) and the southern fringes of the North York Moors National Park.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Gannet	Our largest seabird, Yorkshire boasts the most accessible mainland colony at RSPB Bempton Cliffs (Bridlington). A range of birdwatching and photographic trips sail from Bridlington for a birds-eye view of the action.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grey seal	The breeding colony at Ravenscar is the largest in Yorkshire, with regular boat-based viewing trips from Whitby. The coastline of Flamborough (Bridlington) offers great opportunities too.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harbour porpoise	One of our smallest marine mammals, the calm seas off Marine Drive in Scarborough offer some of the best mainland viewing in the country. Look for their fins amongst the lobster pots.						✓	✓	✓	✓			
Marsh harrier	These reedbed raptors have impressive feeding flights which can be enjoyed at YWT Potteric Carr (Doncaster), RSPB Blacktoft Sands (Goole) and Old Moor/Dearne Valley, along with Hornsea Mere on the east coast.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minke whale	These 30ft long, 5 tonne giants visit the Yorkshire coastline every autumn from August-October. Dedicated whale watching and photographic trips sail from Whitby and Staithes on the North Yorkshire coast.							✓	✓	✓			
Otter	For the best chance to see the 'river king' in action, head to the special viewing area at Tophill Low (Driffield) or try YWT Staveley nature reserve (Harrogate). Early morning or evenings with calm waters are best.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orchids	The remarkably rare Lady's Slipper Orchid can be enjoyed at Kilnsey Park Estate (Grassington) whilst around two dozen other species are found across the county from the North York Moors to the East Coast at Flamborough.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Peregrine falcon	Capable of 200mph in a hunting dive, you can watch the family antics of peregrine falcons unfold at Malham Cove (Settle) and Scarborough Castle, with York, Leeds and Sheffield amongst the major cities to host these iconic birds of prey.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Puffin	East Yorkshire offers the best place to spot puffins from the mainland in Britain. Accessible viewing areas are available at RSPB Bempton Cliffs & Seabird Centre, whilst the nesting colony also extends to YWT Flamborough Cliffs too.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red kite	Our largest bird of prey in Yorkshire, watch these magnificent aerial acrobats master the wind above Harewood House (Leeds) or across the rolling Yorkshire Wolds where winter gatherings can number in the dozens.	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
Red squirrel	Tucked away in the Yorkshire Dales near Hawes is the Snaizeholme Red Squirrel Trail, your best chance to come face to face with these charismatic and sought after mammals.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Salmon	The tumbling River Ribble at Stainforth Force (Settle) makes an impressive challenge for wild Atlantic salmon as they attempt to leap the white water to breed during October and November.										✓	✓	