

NATURE SPOTTING SHEET

Name



Devil's coach horse

Not only do I have a sinister name; I can also be terrifying! I am a vicious predator with a painful bite and if you threaten me, I can produce a foul-smelling liquid!

Where to spot me...Under stones in your garden!



Giant house spider

The haunting starts on September nights when our males invade your homes, searching for us females. After mating, they die, and we consume them to produce the best eggs possible.

Where to spot me...In the dark corners of your house!



Daubenton's bat

My fellow bats and I are the stars of Halloween! However, no one hunts like I do! Some call me the 'water bat'. Silently skimming the surface of the water, I scoop my invertebrate prey with my feet and tail.

Where to spot me...Stoneycliffe Wood Nature Reserve



Candlesnuff fungus

I look like the light has gone from me; the wick of a snuffed-out candle. I also need death to survive. A fallen tree, rotting, is my favourite haunt. It provides me with all the nutrition I need.

Where to spot me...Grass Wood Nature Reserve



Barn owl

Not only am I a deadly hunter with a ghost like presence, I also have a chilling cry. Some people call me the 'screech owl' as my demonic shrieks fill the night.

Where to spot me...Skerne Wetlands



Raven

My reputation in myth and legend is second to none. It is said if my kin leave the Tower of London the city will fall. We may be known as a harbinger of darkness, but we are secret softies; us ravens pair for life.

Where to spot me...Sprotborough Flash Nature Reserve



Deadly nightshade

My beautiful berries and unique purple-brown flowers are a sight to behold; but don't be tempted. My poison will slowly take you through confusion, convulsions and hallucinations before you eventually succumb!

Where to spot me...Pearson Park Wildlife Garden



Great crested newt

If you see my fiery belly and dark warty skin, do not mistake me for a dragon. The foul-tasting secretion from my skin will see off any predators.

Where to spot me...Potteric Carr Nature Reserve



Water shrew

I might look cute but be warned! I am Britain's only venomous mammal. My saliva can stop my prey in its tracks and helps me tackle victims x60 heavier than myself!

Where to spot me...Staveley Nature Reserve