

Seasonal Best

Many plants and animals can be seen all year round at Haldon Forest Park, but to see them at their best, use the guide below.

Migratory and passage visitor species can only be seen at Haldon at the times indicated.

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Notes |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Roe Deer | | | | | Kids | Kids | Rut | Rut | | | | | Rut best seen on warm humid nights |
| Fallow Deer | | | | | Fawns | Fawns | | | | Rut | Rut | Rut | Rut best seen after a frost |
| Buzzard | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | | | |
| Sparrowhawk | • | • | • | • | | | | | | | | • | |
| Goshawk | • | • | | | | | | | | | | | Start display, if territory threatened by rivals |
| Hobby | | | | • | • | | • | • | • | | | | Migratory |
| Osprey | | | | | | | | • | | | | | Migratory passage |
| Nightjar | | | | | • | • | • | • | | | | | Migratory Warm humid nights |
| Turtle Dove | | | | • | • | • | • | | | | | | Migratory |
| Woodcock | • | • | | | | | | | | | • | • | Migratory. Track edges, early morning |
| Goldcrest | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | |
| Crossbill | | • | • | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary | | | | | | • | • | | | | | | |
| Pearl-bordered Fritillary | | | | | • | • | | | | | | | |
| Silver-washed Fritillary | | | | | | | • | • | • | | | | |
| Demoiselle | | | | | • | • | • | • | | | | | |
| Emperor Dragonfly | | | | | | • | • | • | | | | | |
| Golden-ringed Dragonfly | | | | | | • | • | • | | | | | |
| Wood Ants | | | | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | | Respond to warm sunny days, all year round |
| Fungi | | | | | | | | | • | • | • | | Fruiting bodies appear |
| Common Spotted Orchid | | | | | | • | • | • | | | | | Flowering |
| Early Purple Orchid | | | | • | • | • | | | | | | | Flowering |
| Bluebells | | | | • | • | • | | | | | | | Flowering |
| Autumn Colours | | | | | | | | | • | • | • | | |