

MARLHILL COPSE

THE ANIMALS OF MARLHILL COPSE

Marlhill Copse supports a wealth of wildlife - you may be lucky enough to see a number of species as you walk through the Copse.

Given its urban setting, the copse possesses unusually diverse habitats within a small area.

Ongoing management of the woodland is designed to deliver maximum benefit for woodland wildlife associated with coppicing and open habitat, whilst avoiding damaging the rare and fragile wildlife associated with deadwood rich and mature woodland.



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Common frog
(*Rana temporaria*)



Kingfisher
(*Alcedo atthis*)



Goldcrest
(*Regulus regulus*)



Tree creeper
(*Certhia familiaris*)



Great spotted woodpecker
(*Dendrocopos major*)



Grass snake
(*Natrix natrix*)



Eyed ladybird
(*Anatis ocellata*)



Stag beetle
(*Lucanus cervus*)



Common pipistrelle
(*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*)



Common lizard
(*Zootoca vivipara*)



Slow worm
(*Anguis fragilis*)



Badger
(*Meles meles*)



Roe deer
(*Capreolus capreolus*)



Tawny owl
(*Strix aluco*)



Willow tit
(*Poecile montanus*)



Long-tailed tit
(*Aegithalos caudatus*)

FUTURE MANAGEMENT

Management of the woodland will focus on increasing its diversity and ecological value for the benefit of the occupying wildlife.

Perpetuating the woodland's benefits for future generations will be achieved through a programme of selective felling and thinning of trees throughout, together with a programme of coppicing, restoration and widening of existing rides and the removal of the invasive non-native species.

However, it is recognised that the exotic introduced plants contribute to the site's visual amenity interest and are part of the historical evolution of the site.

A phased reduction and control of further spread of invasive species will enhance the site's current biodiversity value and retain the links to its history.