

Help your local Biodiversity Officer find out what species are in your local area.

Irish hare



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Otter



Red squirrel



Hedgehog



Here are some examples of mammal species that you may see but other species can be recorded.  
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**Irish hare**

- Russet brown coat, long ears with black tips and eyes set high in the head.
- Seen all year round.
- Similar to brown hare.
- Found in upland and lowland areas but are most numerous on lowland grasslands.

**Otter**

- Long, slim body, webbed toes and a powerful rudder-like tail. Fur is chestnut brown and is slightly lighter on the belly.
- Seen all year round.
- Similar to mink.
- Found in small ditches to large rivers, as well as ponds, lakes and reservoirs.

**Red squirrel**

- Fur reddish-brown in summer, to chocolate brown with grey in winter. Reds have tufted ears in autumn and winter.
- Seen all year round.
- Similar to grey squirrel. Red squirrels are smaller and more delicate than grey squirrels.
- Occurs in broadleaved and coniferous woodland though becoming confined to coniferous.

**Hedgehog**

- Covered with dense sharp brown spines. When alarmed they roll themselves up into a tight ball.
- Usually seen at night. Hibernate during the winter.
- No similar species.
- Found in lowland habitats where there is grassland close to woodland, scrub or hedgerow. Also in urban and suburban gardens.

*Enjoy recording whilst taking care to avoid disturbance to wildlife.  
Relevant access permission should always be sought prior to visiting any sites.*



Name: .....

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Species (e.g. Otter)	Number seen	Date (e.g. 12/05/06)	Grid Reference/Location (e.g. J085884/Entrance to Randalstown Forest)	Comments

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