

Are you a star spotter?

A road trip game for passengers

Road verges are filled with all sorts of plants and animals working together to help keep our planet healthy. We'd like you to meet some of our roadside super stars. How many can you spot on your journey?

■ Knapweed

Also known as 'hardheads', this wildflower is one of our toughest meadow plants and very popular with bees and butterflies.

■ Oxeye daisy

These flowers are so bright, they sometimes look like they're glowing in the evenings, earning them the nickname 'moon daisy'.

■ Poppy

Poppies are a symbol of remembrance for soldiers who have died during wartime.

■ Rosebay willowherb

Rosebay willowherb seeds have tiny 'parachutes', helping them travel long distances in the wind.

■ Kestrel

Kestrels are also known as 'wind-hoverers' because they look like they're 'hanging' in the air while they hunt over grassy verges.

■ Buzzard

Buzzards love roadsides as they provide habitat for their favourite food - small mammals. They like to sit on fence posts and look out for prey.

■ Grey heron

Grey herons are the largest birds most of us ever see in our garden. Their wing span is around 6ft!

■ Daubenton's bat

Look out for them near river bridges, these little bats use their mouths, feet and tails to scoop up insects from the water's surface.



Kestrel



Rosebay
willowherb

Did you know

- We build bridges and tunnels for animals. These 'green highways' help small mammals, like badgers, cross our roads safely
- We have green fingers – last year we planted half a million plants!
- Our biodiversity projects help to create homes for some of England's rarest creatures, like marsh fritillary butterflies which have bright orange-patterned wings

Important safety advice for drivers

As fun as it is to play along, please keep your eyes on the road if you're driving. And never stop in an emergency area, hard shoulder or road verge for anything other than an emergency, or if directed to by a police or traffic officer.

Oxeye daisy



Grey heron



Knapweed