

Badger

© Andrew Parkinson

- I am the UK's largest predator
- I eat small mammals, bird's eggs, worms, fruits and plants
- 80% of my diet is earth worms
- I have strong front paws and can dig burrows underground
- I am nocturnal and sleep during the day in my underground sett

Food source

Earth Worm
Blackberry
Bird Eggs
Red Squirrel

Supports

Red Fox

Earth Worm

- I am nature's own recycling engineer
- I eat decaying roots and leaves in the soil
- I tunnel through soil, breaking down waste to help other plants grow
- I can live underground because I breathe through my skin
- Small mammals, birds and larger insects eat me

Food source

Decomposing plant matter
Nematodes (microscopic worms in the soil)

Supports

Hedgehogs
Black birds
Robins
Foxes



Hedgehog

c John Bridges

- I mostly eat small insects e.g. beetles, caterpillars, earthworms, slugs and spiders.
- Sometimes I eat eggs, frogs and fallen fruit.
- I sleep in hedges during the day as I am nocturnal. Foxes still eat me, even though I have 7,000 spines a badgers or foxes will eat me.

Food source

Earth Worm
Garden Frog
Fungi
Dandelion

Supports

Badger
Red Fox

A photograph of several bright red, cup-shaped fungi growing on a bed of green moss. The largest cup is in the center, showing its hollow interior. Other smaller cups are scattered around it. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a forest floor.

Scarlet Elf Cup Fungi

c Mark Robinson

- I am a one of the 15,000 different fungi species in the UK
- Fungi decompose plants and dead animals
- We help recycle
- past life to make space for new life.
- I am eaten by mammals, birds, insects and even other fungi

Food source

Damp rotting wood on the forest floor e.g. from oak trees

Supports

Wood Mice
Pine Martens
Garden Frogs
Earth Worms

A photograph of a red squirrel sitting on a tree branch. The squirrel is facing left, looking towards the camera. It has reddish-brown fur on its back and sides, and a lighter, almost white, belly. Its ears are large and upright. The background is a soft-focus forest scene with green and yellow foliage.

Red Squirrel

c Bertie Gregory/2020VISION

- I usually eat seeds, nuts, fruits and fungi
- I also sometimes eat insects and bird's eggs
- My natural predators are larger mammals and birds
- I help new Oak Trees grow by forgetting about where I buried, some of my winter stash of acorns

Food source

Acorns from oak trees
Fungus
Insects
Fresh plant shoots

Supports

Oak tree
Red fox
Badger
Sparrow hawk

Common Wasp



© Vaughn Matthews

- I am a Common Wasp and I am an excellent garden pest controller
- I eat high energy, sugary food (nectar) and love human food like sugary drinks
- My young eat small insects e.g. aphids
- I am also an important pollinator
- I live in a nest made of paper
- My natural predators are bigger insects (i.e. Dragonflies) and small mammals (i.e. Birds)

Food source

Small insects e.g. aphid
Sugary liquids e.g.
nectar from flowers

Supports

Clover
Dandelion
Spiders

Brown lipped snail

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- I live in dark damp places in a wide range of habitats, look for me under hedges or beside your newly planted lettuce leaves
- My predators are birds like blackbird, thrush and robin and small mammals
- I am a herbivore, which means I eat plants

Food source

Dandelion
Clover
Fungi
Leaves e.g. oak tree

Supports

Robin
Black Bird
Pine Marten



Red Clover

c Lee_Schofield

- I am a plant that produces pollen, seeds, nectar and flowers
- I feed an array of insects, birds and mammals.
- Look carefully at my roots I have nodules where special bacteria live, these fix nitrogen from the air to make the soil healthy

Food source

Energy from the sun
Nutrients in the soil that
has been recycled by earth
worms & fungi

Supports

Snail
Common wasp
Bumble bee
Red squirrel



c Bob Coyle

Blackbird

- I eat insects, worms, seeds, berries & snails.
- I like to live in hedges and trees
- I can be preyed on by Sparrow hawks, pine martens & Foxes
- I'm known for my beautiful singing and am often the first out singing after rain

Food source

Insects e.g. spider
Snails
Fruit e.g. blackberry
Seeds

Supports

Fox
Sparrow Hawk
Pine Marten



Oak tree

- I support more life than any other tree in the UK- up to 2,300 species
- Acorns provide food for 31 species of mammals e.g. badger & red squirrel
- Cavities in my trunk are good for bats and birds to live in
- Even my fallen leaves and dead wood support a huge variety of life

Food source

Energy from the sun
Nutrients recycled by
earth worms & fungi

Supports

Wasps
Blackbirds
Red Squirrels
Fungi



c David Longshaw

Garden Spider

- I'm a Garden Spider and I spin a web to catch my food.
- I eat flying insects e.g. mosquitoes, moths.
- I lay my eggs in a silken cocoon
- I may eat pollen from flowers on occasion
- Many other animals eat me, such as e.g. birds & frogs

Food source

Flying insects
e.g. flies, wasps,
butterflies

Supports

Frog
Black Bird

Robin

c Chris Maguire

- I eat insects, worms and a variety of food from garden bird feeders
- I nest in hedges and trees and lay blue eggs
- Larger birds and predatory mammals eat me
- I'm not very shy for a bird and often top the charts for most peoples favourite bird

Food source

Spider

Earth Worm

Snail

Supports

Sparrow hawk

Badger

Red fox

Sparrow Hawk

c Margaret Holland

- I'm a small bird of prey
- I eat other birds e.g. finches, sparrows and tits
- I'm an apex predator, which means I'm on top of the food chain, although my chicks may be eaten by pine marten and goshawk
- I live in all kinds of habitats even gardens

Food source

Small birds e.g
Finches, sparrows and tits
Robin
Blackbird

Supports

Pine marten
Goshawk



Blackberry bramble

c Amy Lewis

- I'm often found in hedges
- I produce flower which feed pollinating insects e.g. wasps, bees
- Birds and small mammals eat my fruit.
- My thorny branches provide safety for nesting birds and food from the many insects that live on me

Food source

Energy from the sun
Nutrients in the soil that
has been recycled by earth
worms & fungi

Supports

Pine marten
Wood mice
Bumble bee



Red Fox

c Luke Massey/2020 Vision

- **I am definitely not a fussy eater!**
- **I'm an omnivore**
- **I eat small mammals, birds, frogs, worms as well as berries and fruit.**
- **I've been known to scavenge left over fast food and food from bins.**
- **I live in a den in lots of different habitats and am adapting well to city life**

Food source

Robin
Fungi
Black Bird
Blackberry

Supports

Badgers
Sparrow Hawks



Pine Marten

c Mark Hamblin/2020VISION

- I feed on small rodents including squirrels, birds, eggs, insects, fruit and nuts.
- I'm very shy and difficult to spot but sometimes visit bird tables as I love peanuts
- I'm most active at night
- I am an apex predator, which means am on top of the food chain.

Food source

Red squirrel
Blackberry
Fungi

Supports

Red Fox
Badger
Sparrow hawk



Wood Mouse

c Margaret Holland

- I eat berries and seeds which I hide in stores over winter in tree trunks
- I'm an omnivore and also enjoy caterpillars and larvae
- You can tell I live in an area by looking for nibbled nut shells
- I am prey for large birds and foxes

Food source

- Dandelion
- Clover
- Fungi
- Snail
- Blackberry Pips

Supports

- Red Fox
- Pine Marten
- Sparrow Hawk



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Buff Tailed Bumble Bee

- **I am a vital part of the worlds ecosystem**
- **I eat pollen and nectar from flowers**
- **I also collect it for my larvae and at the same time pollinate flowers**
- **I can be eaten by frogs, birds, dragonfly etc.**
- **I can be seen between spring and autumn in a wide range of habitats, anywhere there are flowers**

Food source

Flowers
e.g. Dandelion
Clover
Black Berry

Supports

Pollinates Flowers which
turn into Seeds and Fruits
Without Bees, there be a lot
less food



Dandelion

c Richard Burkmar

- I am a very important flower as I come out early in spring.
- I provide lots of nectar for bees, hoverflies, beetles and butterfly.
- As they collect nectar they help pollinate us, so new dandelions can grow
- My beautiful white seed heads make great bird food and a fun game

Food source

Energy from the sun
I have deep tap roots, which bring nutrients from deep in the soil to the surface for other plants

Supports

Bee
Hoverfly
Wasp
Butterfly
Beetle



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Garden Frog

- I eat slugs, worms, snails, ants, greenfly, mosquito larvae etc.
- I live on land and water, and can breathe through my lungs and skin
- I have an interesting life cycle, my young are tadpoles
- I am prey to many things birds, foxes, otters etc.

Food source

Flying insects
Snail
Slug
Worm
Spider

Supports

Red Fox
Heron
Black Bird