

# Wildlife in Colchester

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Stag Beetle Larvae



Great Green Bush-cricket



Purple-loosestrife



Cuckooflower



Wasp Spider

## BULL MEADOW LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

1.4 hectares

Grassland

- Unsurfaced walking routes throughout the site, sometimes muddy

Formerly grazing land, this damp meadow on the north bank of the River Colne has fine wetland plants beside its wet ditches, and a large patch of sedges in the centre.

Bull Meadow is especially important for insects. Dragonflies and damselflies forage in the tall vegetation in the summer. Also found here are many bush-crickets, spiders and butterflies, and Britain's largest beetle, the Stag Beetle.



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Colchester Natural History Society kindly secured the funding for this display and provided much of the information. The Society produces regular publications including a newsletter and programme of events. CNHS holds field meetings and evening talks throughout the year. New members always welcome.  
[www.colchesternaturalhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.colchesternaturalhistorysociety.org.uk)

Colchester Borough Council Ranger Service  
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<b>Habitats</b>	<b>Facilities</b>
grassland	parking area
scrub	entrance
marsh	footpath
<b>Water bodies</b>	road