

Wild About Colchester



SPRING BIG 5 SAFARI SHEET: 1

Cymbeline Meadows | Lexden Park

See if you can spot any of the species listed here. Spring is a wonderful time of year to see different plants, animals and even fungi. We are asking you to keep your eyes open when you are out doing your daily exercise in your local parks and open green spaces.

A wildlife challenge for all. The wildlife and animals listed can be hard to spot and spread out over very large sites. Help the rangers by spotting these wonderful Spring resident species as well as some seasonal visitors.

Please remember to stay local and adhere to all government guidance regarding travel, exercise, social distancing and bubbles.

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The Wild About Colchester Big 5 Safari is not just for Children.

Challenge your ID skills and help the Rangers to identify and locate some of the harder to spot species in the different parks, reserves and green spaces in Colchester.

Cymbeline Meadows

This is a 74 ha area of working farmland comprising a rich variety of habitats including pastures, arable fields, meadows, woodland and the meandering river Colne. Vehicle access is via Spring Lane then onto Wet Lane, where there is limited parking. There are also 4 pedestrian entrances. Find out more at [Colchester.gov.uk/parks](https://colchester.gov.uk/parks).

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Cowslip



Alder Catkins



Black Poplar bursting buds



Cuckoo Flower



Water Vole

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Lexden Park

Lexden Park Local Nature Reserve at seven hectares is a relatively small reserve, which is a haven for walkers and lovers of fauna and flora. There is public access throughout the reserve. It can be accessed from two entry points along Church Lane and from Endsleigh Meadow (another open green space run by Colchester Borough Council). A small car park is located off Church Lane. Nearest postcode: CO3 3SZ

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Bluebell



Holly Flowers



Large Red Damselfly



Great Spotted Woodpecker



Stockdove

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