

# Wildlife in Colchester

Visit a Colchester Borough Council Reserve to discover more



Mullein



Sea Aster



Sea Club-Rush



Redshank



Lapwing

## HYTHE LAGOONS LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE

14.3 hectares

Grassland & scrub

- Bird viewing platform
- Surfaced path from Haven Road to Rowhedge
- To avoid disturbing birds please keep dogs on leads

Since dredging ceased in the 1970s, these lagoons next to the River Colne have become important for birds, with 101 different species recorded, 28 of them nesting. These have included Avocet, Little Ringed Plover, Redshank and Lapwing.

The rough grassland provides a good habitat for insects. Badgers are frequent visitors leaving a tell-tale network of paths behind them.



## FREE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ALL SITES, ALL DAY EVERY DAY

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Colchester Natural History Society  
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  
The ranger service manage and maintain these green spaces throughout Colchester. They work closely with various community groups and volunteers to achieve high standards of conservation and to provide recreation and educational opportunities in the local area.  
[www.colchester.gov.uk/parks](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/parks)

Key to maps	
<b>Habitats</b>	<b>Facilities</b>
grassland	parking area
scrub	entrance
ancient woodland	footpath
coppice	road
woodland	<b>Site boundary</b>
marsh	<b>No public access</b>
hedgerow	
<b>Water bodies</b>	