



Simple species lists for Bedford River Valley Park

Wetland

Wetland species:

Mammals

Otter

Water Vole

Birds

Common Kingfisher

Mute Swan

Great crested Grebe

Tufted Duck

Pochard

Grey Heron

Barnacle Goose

Cormorant

Teal

Common Tern

Sand Martin

Reed bunting

Amphibians

Frog

Toad

Great crested newt

Trees

Alder

Hazel

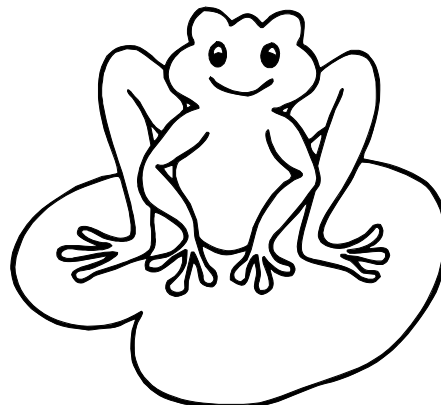
Willow

The BRVP includes lots of areas of water and wetland as it is based around the river valley. The River Great Ouse has many streams feeding into it (tributaries) including the Elstow brook, and is surrounded by large low flat areas (floodplains) with reedbeds and boggy areas. There are also lakes and ponds that were formed after sand and gravel was removed.

Wetlands are always changing, for example, as rain causes flooding or ponds dry out in summer. They are important as ecosystems and flood storage areas but are also rare because in some places land is often drained for buildings and farmland.

In the Grange Estate, part of the BRVP, new floodplain forest is planned. This will be a mosaic of wet and dry woodlands, wetlands and grasslands.

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Grassland

Grassland Species:

Mammals

Brown hare
Field Mouse

Birds

Skylark
Lapwing
Grey Partridge
Fieldfare
Song Thrush
Bunting
Grey Wagtail
Yellow Wagtail
Common Buzzard
Barn owl
Starling
Greenfinch

Butterflies

Red Admiral
Brimstone
Small Heath
Large White
Peacock

plants

Red fescue
Sheep's fescue
Ox eye daisy
Field scabious
Birds foot trefoil
Clover

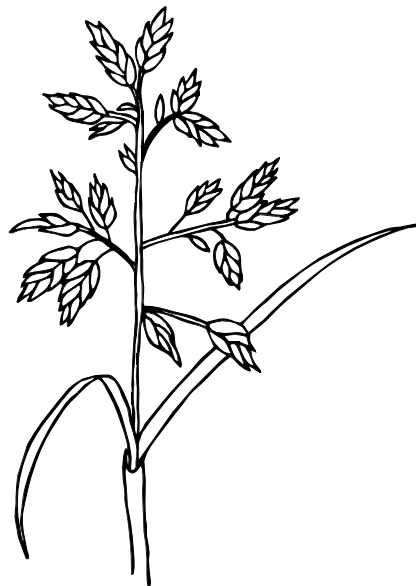
The grassland habitat in the Grange estate, part of the BRVP, will include some short grass that is grazed by animals other longer grass areas with flowers.

Some agricultural grassland may not have very many different species and may have been improved using nutrients to help it grow quickly.

In areas where the grass has been allowed to grow longer there will be lots of space for creatures to hide. Grassland is an excellent place for insects who are food for many bird species! Longer grass may be found next to hedges or along path edges.

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Woodland

Woodland Species:

Mammals

- Squirrel
- Badger

Birds

- Green woodpecker
- Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
- Robin
- Rook
- Raven
- Cuckoo
- Pigeon

Butterflies

- Orange tip
- Green Veined White
- Peacock

Trees and plants

- Oak
- Ash
- Hazel
- Hawthorn
- Blackthorn

The new floodplain forest that is planned in the Grange Estate will be a mosaic of wet and dry woodlands, wetlands and grasslands.

Some of the wooded areas in the estate have older trees and some of the trees are quite young. All the trees are great habitats for numerous animal and other plant species, are great at absorbing harmful greenhouse gases and look wonderful in the landscape!

The Grange Estate was once owned by a company called Bryant and May who planted Poplar trees to make matchsticks. Some of the Poplars are still standing but the Forest of Marston vale will also plant thousands of new trees and shrubs of different species

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