



CAMBRIDGE 2021

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

5pm Fri 23 July - 5pm Sat 24 July

**Join in the 24 hour species hunt and discover the
wildlife living on your doorstep**

**Cambridge BioBlitz 2021 is organised by the University Museum
of Zoology and the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.**

Book onto a wildlife walk or drop-in for family activities (during normal Garden opening hours on Sat 24 July) to discover, identify and record the wonderful wild animals and plants of the Garden:

www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/bioblitz2021/



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Cambridge 2021

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

23 - 24 July

You're invited you to join in the hunt to discover as many species as you can under the guidance of wildlife experts.

Pre-booking is available to guarantee your place or drop-in on the Saturday to discover, identify and record the wild animals and plants of the Garden.

FRIDAY 23 JULY

18:00-19:00, Fri 23 July

Nature Walk with Prof Bill Sutherland

Join Bill Sutherland, Professor of Conservation Biology, for a natural history walk around the garden spotting wildlife as you go.

Ages 12+, Pre-book



19:15-20:15, Fri 23 July

An Evening Mammal Survey

Join the Cambridgeshire Mammal Group to explore how to survey for some of the mammals making their home at the Botanic Garden. The session will include setting small mammal traps and hedgehog footprint tunnels which will all be checked the next morning.

Ages 12+, Pre-book

20:30-21:30, Fri 23 July

Introduction to Moth Trapping

Join the CUBG moth trapping team and learn all about moths and how to survey for them.

Ages 8+, Pre-book

20:45-22:00, Fri 23 July

Bat Walk

Join our bat experts as they explore the diversity of bat species in the Garden after dark, and learn how bats use sound to see.

Ages 8+, Pre-book

SATURDAY 24 JULY

7:30-8:30, Sat 24 July

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Join the CUBG moth trapping team and learn all about moths and how to survey for them.

Ages 8+, Pre-book

08:00-8:45 & 13:15-14:00, Sat 24 July

Small Mammal Survey Trap Check

Join the Cambridgeshire Mammal Group to find out which small mammals were caught in the traps set around the Garden and watch them being released back into the wild.

Ages 8+, Pre-book

10.30-11.15, 12.00-12.45 & 14.30-15.15,

Sat 24 July

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Ages 12+, Pre-book

10.00-10.30, 11.00-11.30, 12.00-12.30,
14.00-14.30, 15.00-15.30

Sat 24 July

BTO Garden BirdWatch – Why record the common species?

Watch the wildlife in the garden with Rob Jaques from the British Trust for Ornithology, and find out about adding data to the BTO Garden BirdWatch survey, a fantastic long-running citizen science project telling us about our local bird species.

Ages 12+, Pre-book

10.00-11.00, 11:15-12:15, 13.15-14:15,

Sat 24 July

Owl Pellet Dissection

Owls swallow their prey whole and ‘sick-up’ a pellet. Sounds gross but it’s only fur and bones (no squishy stuff) and looking at the bones tells us what the owl had for dinner. Join in some real forensic science and learn about the mammals available in the owl’s feeding area.

Ages 6+, Pre-book

10.15-10.45, 12:15-12.45, Sat 24 July

Minibeast Hunt

Join our family friendly hunt for minibeasts living in the long grass and under logs.

Ages 6+, Pre-book



11.00-12.00, 13:30- 14:30, Sat 24 July

Pond Dipping

Join our family friendly discovery of the minibeasts that live in water.

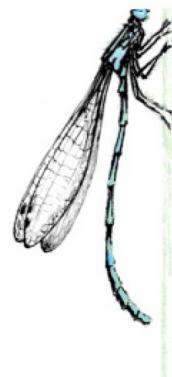
Ages 6+, Prebook

11.15-12.00, 13.00-13.45, 14.45-15.30,
Sat 24 July

Butterfly Spotting

Take a stroll around the Garden with Museum researcher Matt Hayes looking for butterflies and learn how to identify them.

Ages 6+, Pre-book



11:30-12:30, 15:00-15:45,

Sat 24 July

Rusts, Smuts and Mildrews

Join Chris Preston as he explores the tiny fungi that make plants their home. This session aims to celebrate the diversity of fungi species growing on plants and will not be providing advice to gardeners on how to control such fungi.

Ages 12+, Pre-book

11.45-12.30, 14:15- 15:00, Sat 24 July

Spider Walk

Explore the fascinating world of our eight-legged friends, their webs and learn how to find and identify them.

Ages 8+, Pre-book

13:00-14:00, Sat 24 July

Natural History Walk

Join Kevin Hand, Course Director ACE Foundation and Vice President of the Cambridge Natural History Society for a walk around the garden spotting wildlife as you go.

Ages 12+, Pre-book

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13.00-13.45, 14.30-15.15, Sat 24 July

Dragonfly and Damselfly Spotting

Take a stroll around the Garden looking for dragonflies and damselflies and learn how to identify them.

Ages 6+, Pre-book

14:00-14:45, 15:30-16:15, Sat 24 July

Plant Ecology Walk

There are a large number of wild plants that grow amongst the scientific plant collection at the Botanic Garden and we have also recreated a number of British habitats in miniature that showcase a number of native plant species associated with these. Join Julian Doberski as he takes you on a walk around these habitats to explore their fascinating ecology.

Ages 12+, Pre-book

RECORD YOUR SIGHTINGS

Record your wildlife sightings digitally in our official iRecord event:

CU Wildlife Recording

<https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/join/cu-wildlife-recording>

New to iRecord? Use our helpful video-guide here to get started:

youtu.be/buDJnPRAJ0Y



UNABLE TO ATTEND THE EVENT?

We know that not everybody is able to visit an event in person at the moment. Here are some activities and resources that you can access from home:

Museum of Zoology

Wildlife, Crafts and Research:

museumofzoologyblog.com

Butterfly Challenge 2021:

museumofzoologyblog.com/2021/07/02/butterfly-challenge-2021/

Cowpats about Cambridge:

museumofzoologyblog.com/2021/06/30/whats-in-that-cowpat/

Cambridge University Botanic Garden:

Wellbeing Walks:

botanic.cam.ac.uk/wellness-wander/

Family Activities at Home:

botanic.cam.ac.uk/education-learning/families/athome/

Botanic Garden Wildlife:

botanic.cam.ac.uk/the-garden/wildlife/