

Maun Conservation Group, Our Reserves, Our Wildlife, Our Helpers

We are very lucky to have a great range of wildlife on our reserves. This is especially notable given that we are in an urban location and that all parts of the reserves are ex-industrial places. IE Mills, Mill Ponds, Spoil heaps, demolished buildings and bridges.

Quarry Lane is the main river valley that was once a sequence of mills and mill ponds. The river, despite being in an urban area has an amazing range of fish, predominantly roach but also Chub, Gudgeon and Bullhead. The river is also home to our Water Voles and Kingfishers.

Oakham is a reclaimed meadow and woodland, the meadow includes a good range of orchids.

Hamilton, an “off shoot” of Oakham is a less visited area but with a river path to Kings Mill and a quiet wood.

All our reserves are sensitively managed, with an emphasis on good vegetation and deadwood to support the base layer in the food chain, invertebrates. There is a huge variety of wet & dry habitats, flowering and fruiting plants and trees. Open meadow and brush, and more wooded areas. All areas are appreciated by our impressive range of birds.

Please see the general summaries for all list on known inhabitants. Please visit and enjoy our wildlife, and if you spot something we haven't, please tell us 😊. We recommend that you join our Facebook group where you will get news of day to day sightings.

What do we do?

Our wildlife work generally falls into 4 categories, Group administration, habitat improvement, survey/observations and education.

- There is a lot of work behind the scenes, liaising with the Council and other wildlife groups, organising events, raising funds, running meetings and keeping records.
- Habitat improve work varies enormously, from litter picking, growing plant to later plant in the reserves, path tidies, woodland management, meadow management, bird box building, pond and waterway improvements.
- We are doing several survey at the moment but want to do more, if you have a keen interest and want to help, please just ask.
- We arrange school visits and run a junior wildlife watch group to help engage kids with the natural world.

Would you like to join our wildlife team?

The team would love to have a few more helping hands, and eyes!!

Even if you only have limited spare time there will be something you can help with.

There's several ways you can get involved in the group:-

By sharing general information and sightings as you walk along the reserves, there's always something new to see as the weather and seasons change. Just post sightings and photos on our Facebook or WhatsApp groups. For Facebook you will need to find the group and ask to join, for WhatsApp please e-mail or Facebook message your phone number.

By joining in on the various surveys, just contact us expressing your interest and we'll connect you to the relevant team leader. You might even be able to start your own team😊. We will train and guide you in the wildlife and surveying techniques.

We also do educational activity and reserve maintenance, so whatever your skills and interest we'll have something for you to do.

Helping wildlife is great fun and very rewarding.

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