

Wildlife

in Britain



2027



December 2026							
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January 2027		
1	Fri	New Year's Day
2	Sat	
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4	Mon	Bank Holiday (Scotland) Wk 1
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Otter
Elusive, intelligent and curious, otters live in undisturbed rivers, streams and estuaries. Legal protection and cleaner rivers have increased their presence in Britain. With their agile, streamlined bodies they can run and swim rapidly, chasing one another up and down the riverbank and in the water. They build a den in a bank called aholt.



February 2027

1	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 5
2	Tue	
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January 2027

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Pine Marten

This rare mustelid has chestnut brown fur with a yellow bib on the chin and throat and a long, bushy tail. The Pine Marten is found mainly in Scotland but has been reintroduced in other remote areas of the UK. It prefers woodland and conifer plantations and rocky hillsides, nesting in tree-holes and feeding on small rodents, eggs, insects and fruit.



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March 2027		
1	Mon	St David's Day (Wales) Wk 9
2	Tue	
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6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	Wk 10
9	Tue	
10	Wed	
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	
15	Mon	Wk 11
16	Tue	
17	Wed	St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland/Eire)
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	
22	Mon	Wk 12
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	
26	Fri	Good Friday
27	Sat	
28	Sun	British Summertime starts
29	Mon	Easter Monday Wk 13
30	Tue	
31	Wed	



Curlew
Widespread throughout Britain and Europe, the curlew is our largest wader, with a distinctive, long, downward curving beak, brown upperparts and long legs. It is found in estuaries and mudflats in winter and moorland and boggy areas in summer and has a bubbling, trilling call. It lays four green and brown blotched eggs in a ground hollow.



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Muntjac Deer
The muntjac deer, introduced from China in the early 20th century, is now common especially in southeast England. These small deer have large scent glands on the face and emit a 'barking' cry. Muntjac browse the undergrowth in woodland, often hidden by the vegetation. Males have short, unbranched, backward-sloping antlers and long canine teeth.



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June 2027							
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May 2027							
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May 2027		
1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 18
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24	Mon	Wk 21
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31	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 22



Fox
Widespread in British countryside and towns, the fox is resourceful and highly adaptable – an accomplished scavenger which will eat almost anything. It has excellent low frequency hearing and can detect small animals moving underground. It mostly hunts by night and rests by day in its den or ‘earth’, where a litter of 4-6 cubs are born in spring.



June 2027						
1	Tue					
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4	Fri					
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7	Mon					Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 23
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9	Wed					
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12	Sat					
13	Sun					
14	Mon					Wk 24
15	Tue					
16	Wed					
17	Thu					
18	Fri					
19	Sat					
20	Sun					
21	Mon					Longest Day Wk 25
22	Tue					
23	Wed					
24	Thu					
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27	Sun					
28	Mon					Wk 26
29	Tue					
30	Wed					

May2027

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July2027

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June 2027

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White-tailed Eagle
Mainly found in sheltered lochs and coasts in Scotland, feeding on fish, white-tailed eagles are the UK's largest bird of prey. They live alone or in pairs, bonding for life, and perform an aerial courtship display, locking claws in the air and whirling and cartwheeling. They have a massive wingspan of over 2m, brown plumage and a white tail.



July 2027

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12	Mon	Bank Holiday (N Ireland) Wk 28
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19	Mon	Wk 29
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August 2027

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July 2027

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Rabbit

This appealing small mammal with its grey-brown fur, bob tail and long incisors burrows underground in sandy soil to form complex warrens with nest chambers and emerges to graze grass and vegetation mainly at dawn and dusk. Speed and agility are its main defences against predators, so it has large hind leg bones and well-developed muscles.



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September 2027							
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August 2027							
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August 2027		
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2	Mon	Bank Holiday (Scotland & Eire) Wk 31
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11	Wed	
12	Thu	
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15	Sun	
16	Mon	Wk 33
17	Tue	
18	Wed	
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21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	Wk 34
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
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28	Sat	
29	Sun	
30	Mon	Bank Holiday (excl. Scotland) Wk 35
31	Tue	



Comma Butterfly
This pretty butterfly, common in southern England, takes its name from the white comma mark on its underwings. Commas feed on nectar-rich plants and nettles are the larval foodplant. It has distinctive orange and brown wings with ragged edges and mottled brown undersides, which make it resemble a dead leaf while hibernating through the winter.



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Hedgehog
This endearing nocturnal mammal feeds on slugs and invertebrates in woods, hedgerows and gardens, hibernating in winter in a nest in a log pile or bush. A hedgehog has between 5,000 and 7,000 spines, which are hollow hairs, stiffened with keratin. If threatened, it curls up into a tight prickly ball, its quills protecting it against predators.



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Risso's Dolphin
These dolphins have a robust, stocky body, large, blunt heads and sickle-shaped dorsal fins. They are a pale grey colour and can be identified by the scratches and scarring often seen on their bodies. Risso's dolphins feed predominantly on squid and octopus and live in pods of between 10 to 30. They are mostly sighted around northwest Scotland.



November 2027

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16	Tue	
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22	Mon	Wk 47
23	Tue	
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28	Sun	
29	Mon	Wk 48
30	Tue	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)

October 2027

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Bank Vole

The bank vole has rich chestnut-brown and white fur. It lives in woodland, hedgerows, parks and gardens, usually in shallow burrows and does not hibernate. It is very active and agile, feeding on fruit, nuts, berries and insects and uses its large ears to listen out for its many predators. Three or four litters of 3-5 young are born a year.



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18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Wk 51
21	Tue	
22	Wed	Shortest Day
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	Christmas Day
26	Sun	Boxing Day
27	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 52
28	Tue	Bank Holiday
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Capercaillie

These heavy birds are the largest grouse species in Britain. They breed in Scottish native pinewood, a vulnerable habitat, feeding on shoots, berries, buds and grasses. UK populations are in decline, so it is at risk of extinction. Males, about twice the size of females, have glossy black feathers and fan out their tails in a courtship display.