

Trees and Plants

at Reigate Priory Park

Priory Park is home to several champion trees including the tallest recorded Hornbeam in the country (31m) and the second tallest Ash (36m).

Over 207 types of plant species have been recorded on the site. Of general interest but also of botanical importance are the bluebells, which bloom in the woods each April/ May.

Organised wildlife activities

At different times during the year we organise bat walks, pond dipping and mini beasts hunts in Priory Park. There's also a tree trail set up to help you discover some of the wonderful trees in the park. For more information and to download our other Priory Park leaflets visit www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/priorypark



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Map of the park



Reigate Priory Park Wildlife



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Birds



Priory Park is home to 13 bird species of national conservation concern: **Linnet, Song Thrush, Starling, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Stock, Dove, Cuckoo, House Martin, Green Woodpecker, Dunnock, Willow Warbler and Goldcrest.**

Birds found on the lake include the commonly observed **Mallard, Coot, Moorhen and Canada Goose.** Sightings have also been recorded of the **Great Crested Grebe, Grey Heron, Egyptian Goose, Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Mandarin Duck and Mute Swan.**

Please help to protect the lake as a haven for wildlife by keeping dogs under control in the lake area. This is particularly important at nesting time.



Mammals



In previous surveys six mammals have been found in the Park: **fox, roe deer, mole, grey squirrel, field vole, and rabbit.** Smaller mammals such as mice and shrews are also likely to be present.



Mini Beasts



330 species of insects and other invertebrates have been recorded in Priory Park.

These include a number of notable and rare species such as the **cuckoo wasp**, a **rare bee** (*Andrena florea*) and a **click beetle** (*Athous subfuscus*). **15 species of butterfly** were found, **92 species of beetle** and **66 types of bee, wasp or ant.**



Bats



There are at least six different types of bat in the Park, including the comparatively rare **Serotine Bat.**

Bats can be quite clearly observed in significant numbers at dusk in the summer months. Species vary in their preferred locations, with the lake environs and the southern slope of the wood the most populated.

