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Summer at Huckling Estate

Discover beautiful butterflies and grazing animals.

WTPL/Brian Scammon



Marbled white has striking black and white wings. It has come back to Huckling after years of absence since we started restoring the chalk grasslands.

WTPL/Matt Limb



Small-leaved lime has sweet-smelling flowers in summer. Its heart-shaped leaves are smaller than the common and large-leaved lime trees.

Bigstock



Sheep and cattle graze the open grasslands between April to October, helping us manage this part of the estate.

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Skylarks have a special song-flight. Males soar vertically into the sky, hovering for several minutes before drifting back to earth, continuously singing throughout.

WTPL/G Holm



White admiral favours woodland rides and clearings. This butterfly is on the wing between June to August, look out for its black wings decorated with a white band.

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Lady's bedstraw has vivid yellow flowers and a sweet, honey scent. Discover it in the open grassland west of Huckling village from June to September.

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Purple hairstreak butterflies can be difficult to spot as they spend much of their time perched at the top of oak trees, feeding on honeydew. Look up, can you see one?

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Song thrushes have a unique habit – when the ground is baked hard in summer and they can't get to their usual diet of worms, they smash snail shells against stones to crack them open and reach the snail inside.

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Turtle dove is a summer resident in England, despite its presence in the popular Christmas carol Twelve Days of Christmas. Listen out for its soft, purring coo.

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