

# The Hidden Hedgerow



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## A Birds

Thirty species of birds nest in hedgerows, including blackbirds, bullfinches, robins and blue tits. Berries such as hawthorn are an essential source of winter food.

## E Bats

Hedgerows act as feeding corridors for bats to catch flying insects. Large hedgerow trees, particularly old oaks, are used as roost sites.

Not to scale

Yellow hammer  
IUCN Red List



Oak  
*Quercus robur*



Spindle  
*Euonymus europaeus*



Damson  
*Prunus domestica*



Dog rose  
*Rosa canina*



## B Dormouse

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Hedgerows are dispersal corridors for dormice, allowing movement between woodlands. They feed on the variety of flowers, nuts and berries produced by the hedgerows throughout the seasons of the year.



Hazel  
*Corylus avellana*



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Caterpillars feed on garlic mustard and cuckooflower.



Garlic mustard  
*Alliaria petiolata*



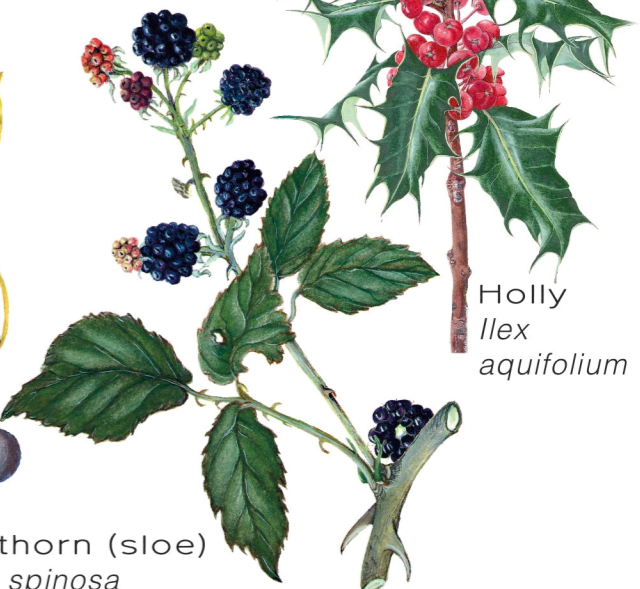
Mirabelle Plum  
*Prunus 'Mirabelle'*



Blackthorn (sloe)  
*Prunus spinosa*



Crab apple  
*Malus sylvestris*



Blackberry (bramble)  
*Rubus fruticosus*

Holly  
*Ilex aquifolium*



## D Hedgehog

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Hedgehogs feast on the variety of insects found in hedgerows. They use the vegetation at the bottom of the hedgerow, including grass, bramble and fallen leaves, to build nests.



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Hawthorn  
*Crataegus monogyna*

