

Signs of Spring—Spotter

It's great when we start to notice the days getting longer in the Spring. There are so many things to look out for to let us know that Spring is under way. Go out for a local walk to see how many signs of Spring you can spot and tick them below.



Hazel Catkins

These are the male flowers of the hazel tree which appear in Spring. Sometimes they are called lambs' tails.



Bluebells

These woodland plants flower a little later in Spring but you might see the green shoots appearing.



Blackbirds

You might see blackbirds gathering materials to build nest. Why not help them by leaving out straw and hair from your hairbrush.



Pussy Willow

These furry catkins appear early Spring, long before the leaves.



Honey Bee

Bees emerge from hibernation hungry and on the hunt for food sources. Dandelions flower early and are a rich source of pollen.



Lambs

A busy time for farmers in the National Park with plenty of new lambs being born.



Snowdrops

These are the first flowers to appear and love to grow in woodlands and near streams.



Frogspawn

These clusters of jelly containing embryos appear in ponds from January. Frogs often return to the pond where they were spawned.



Lesser Celandine

A woodland plant also seen in graveyards and parks and under hedgerows. It provides valuable nectar for early insects.