

The Suffolk Naturalists' Society was founded in 1929 to promote interest in Suffolk's natural history.

The Society's goals are to study, record, and stimulate research into the county's flora, fauna and geology. Since its formation, recording has become a major component of the Society's work. Members' observations are forwarded to specialist recorders who log the data with the **Suffolk Biological Records Centre** based at the Ipswich Museum. The data is then processed into meaningful maps and data sets which are used to monitor the condition of Suffolk's natural heritage - a continuous, on-going and vital process.

The Society produces two excellent and award winning annual publications— ***Suffolk Natural History*** and ***Suffolk Birds***. In addition to these, members receive our newsletter ***White Admiral*** packed with informative and lively articles three times a year. All three of these publications are **free** to members. The Society also offers bursaries for the study of Suffolk's flora and fauna.

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Experienced naturalists lead an interesting and varied programme of **field meetings**. These are very popular because, apart from the joy of discovering new wildlife places, they give participants a chance to ask all sorts of natural history questions.

The Suffolk Naturalists' Society also runs **drawing and photography competitions** for school-aged children which encourage them to look closely at Suffolk's varied wildlife found in parks, gardens, fields, woodlands and other habitats. These are publicised widely and are open not only to school children but also to various youth groups such as the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Watch.

We also hold **biennial conferences** on a wide range of natural history subjects. These attract distinguished speakers from all over the country and are an excellent opportunity to consider Suffolk's biodiversity in a wider context. They provide a forum for discussing the state of our wildlife both locally and nationally and to consider ways in which we can promote and sustain practices that enhance our environment.

The Society publishes the **Suffolk Natural History** series of books. These excellent hardback reference books provide a wealth of information about the history, status and biology of Suffolk's wildlife. With their high quality photographs, accurate distribution maps and authoritative texts, they are essential reading for anyone interested in Suffolk's flora and fauna.



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