

Types of land on the property: about 7 acres of meadow, mature woodland, sapling woodland, heathland, pond, orchard and vegetable plot, wrapped around a 2-acre riverbank donated to the Environment Agency to be managed as a Grade 1 rewilding reserve. All organic since 2015.



Biodiversity Inventory, end of Year 1 *

Large mammals	Small mammals	Amphibians	Birds	Butterflies	Insects
Large, antlered deer Roe deer Large wild boar Fox	Wildcat Pine martin Dormice Shrews Voles Moles Harvest mice Field mice	Nesting pair of Green & Yellow snakes ('Couleuvre Verte et Jaune', 1.5 metres long) Collared snakes ('Couleuvre a Collier', 1 metre long) Countless frogs Toads 'Reinette' Frog (rare) Yellow & Black Salamander (rare) Lizards 'Ocellé' Lizards (rare)	Nesting Red Kites Nesting Nuthatches Nesting Black Redstart Nesting Cuckoos Nesting Bluetits Nesting Hoopoes Pair of Barn Owls Tawny Owl Screech Owls Green Woodpecker Great Spotted Woodpecker Wild duck Jay Thrush Nightingale Golden Oriole Firecrest Migrating Cranes (twice-yearly flocks) Stork Unidentified Warblers	Fritillaries, diverse types (rare) Marsh Fritillary (rare) Duke of Burgundy (rare) Rare Swallowtail Red Admiral White Admiral Black & White Small White Marbled White Little Blue Brimstones	<u>Bees</u> Large Black Carpenter Bee Bumble Bees, various species Orange-Backed Bumble Bee Honey-Bees Diverse wild bees Diverse wasp & hornet species Pair of Praying Mantis Field Crickets True Crickets Metallic ground beetles Shield beetles Dragonflies Water Boatmen

* Not mentioning the most common plant and wildlife species, which are also present, nor decorative 'garden' flowers and shrubs.

Trees	Wildflowers	Mushrooms	Heathland	Organic Orchard	Organic Veg Plot
Giant Oaks	<u>Wild Orchids</u>	Yellow Boletus	Red Heather	Grape vines, 3 species	Tomatoes, 4 species
Giant Linden	Pyramidal Orchid	Red Cracked Boletus	White Heather	Apples, 3 species	Turnips
Giant Poplar	Tongue Orchid	Black Earthstar	Tall Heather	Crab Apple	Radishes
Giant Larch	Unidentified Orchid	Warted Puffball	Gorse	Plums, 4 species	Squash
Giant Alder		Common Puffball	Broom	Cherries, 3 species	Rocket
Giant Maple	Wild Cyclamen	Shaggy Inkcap	Wild Honeysuckle	Pear, 2 species	Lamb's lettuce
Field Maple	Wild Violets	'Coulemelles'	Yellow Iris	Quince	Mixed lettuces
Giant Maritime Pine	Wild Primulas	Deadly Nightcap	Wild Viburnum	Persimmon	White-stem Chard
White Birch	Cowslips	Field Mushrooms	Oak saplings	Fig	Red-stem Chard
Other Birch	Ragged robin	Tree fungus, diverse species	Birch saplings	Lemon	Mint
Willow	Yellow Vetch		Maritime Pine saplings	Strawberries	Rosemary
Hazel	Celandine			Olianthus berries	Sage
Hornbeam	Black-spotted Clover				Thyme
Holly	Bladderwort				Lemon thyme
Yew	Speedwell				
Sweet Chestnut	Forget Me Not				
'False' Acacia	Ramson				
Katalpa	Poppy				
Arbutus	Bugle				
	Wild Redcurrant				
	Hairy Rock-Cress				
	Dwarf Wild Pansy				
	White Campion				
	Arum Lily				
	Lords & Ladies				
	Tassel Hyacinth				
	Fox & Cubs				
	Wild Clary				
	Ground ivy				
	Lungwort				
	Wood Spurge				
	Wild Evening Primrose				
	Upright Red Clover				
	Common Vetch				
	Wild Strawberry				
	Shrubby Cinqfoil				
	Yarrow				
	Butcher's Broom				

Our guiding principles

Organic: never any chemical pesticide, herbicide or other chemicals, anywhere on the property

Rewilding: rarely mowing or weeding green areas; letting grasses and wildflowers ('weeds') grow tall; letting leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds stay on plants and hedges where specific wildlife species need them; tolerating an 'overgrown', wild, abandoned look compared to most properties

Permaculture: recycling compost and rainwater; 'no-dig' where possible to protect soil structure; natural mulching; growing from own seeds; letting plants self-seed; only growing 'native' plants; removing overly dominant non-native species such as leylandii and bracken; a domestic lifestyle where we avoid buying newly manufactured things (clothes, furniture, gadgets, etc.), instead reusing, repairing, adapting and repurposing items; never wasting anything, especially food, water or fuel

Food-growing: for ourselves, growing native vegetables, fruit and herbs for the house; for the butterflies, bees, insects and birds, letting their plant-foods grow 'wild' as they need them, especially in the wildflower meadow; most of our own other food is bought from small local producers, organic where possible, always with high welfare standards

Sustainable fuel: using a high-efficiency woodburner for heating using our own timber (ie. growing much more new deciduous, native timber annually than we burn)

Animals as equals: never killing any creatures, insects or amphibians anywhere on the property; we adopted two feral kittens born on the property, got them spayed and vaccinated, and share our daily lives closely with them in the house, learning many things from them through cross-species communication

