



July

Breathing Places this month

✓ Do one thing

Put up a **butterfly feeder** in your garden or on a balcony to attract a variety of species.

Find out more at www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces

i What to look for

High summer is here. Hedgerows and road verges that haven't been mown are bright with **marjoram**, **knapweed**, **field scabious** and **thistles**. These flowers attract a range of butterflies such as **meadow brown**, **marbled white** and **gatekeeper**. See if you can spot the stripy **cinnabar moth caterpillar** feeding on **ragwort**. No prizes for guessing where you might find the caterpillar of the **privet hawkmoth**, and the huge snake-mimicking caterpillars of the **elephant hawk moth** as they lurk among the leaves of **willowherb** and garden **fuchsias**. On the coast in a few places, colonies of **little terns** are **rearing chicks**, and **young ringed plovers** crouch for camouflage amid the shingle. Dragonflies are at their best. A visit to a lake or pond will produce **brown** and **southern hawkers** and **common darters** as well as the slender **azure** and **common blue damselflies**.

Find out more at www.open2.net

? Did you know

For wading birds the summer is already over, as adult birds start to arrive back on their estuaries from breeding areas as far away as Siberia and Canada. Their youngsters will arrive in August or September. Log on to www.birdtrack.net to record your observations and see what others have spotted.

Find out more at www.bto.org

Habitat of the month

Reedbeds: Listen out for sedge and reed warblers as well as moorhen and coot who will have their chicks in tow. Dragonflies can be spotted as they look for their prey.

Photo opportunity

Dragonflies: These magnificent insects are more sluggish and easily photographed if the weather is a bit cool. Early in the day is best before they warm up. If you are not an early riser try using a telephoto lens to get close up shots.

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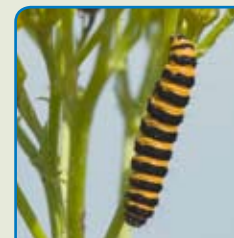
Have you seen this month



Knapweed

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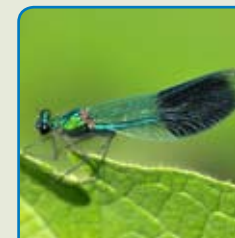
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Cinnabar Caterpillar

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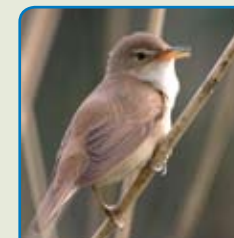
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Banded Demoiselle

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Reed Warbler

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