

June

Breathing Places this month

✓ Do one thing

Conserve water for the summer months ahead. Install a water butt or recycle your bathwater for watering plants.

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

i What to look for

June is the best month for **orchids**. **Common spotted**, **heath spotted** and **pyramidal orchids** are fairly common on road banks and in old grassland. This is also the month of the **dog-rose** and the **honeysuckle**, which scent the air on warm evenings, attracting moths of all sizes. Butterflies include **common blues**, **meadow browns** and **large skippers** on downland and road verges. If you're lucky you may see **glow-worms** on hedgebanks and along woodland rides, especially in limestone areas. In the garden **leaf-cutter bees** carve circles from leaves to create their nests and in the south of England, **stag beetles** are on the prowl in the leaf litter. On sea cliffs, young **guillemots** and **kittiwakes** jostle for space and **gull** and **tern** colonies are loud with hungry youngsters clamouring for food. Other birds to look out for are **pieb wagtails** and **spotted flycatchers** busy feeding their families. On heaths and moorland, **stonechat** families scold from the gorse clumps and it's worth looking in sheltered spots for **adders** (be careful as these are poisonous) and **common lizards**.

Find out more at www.open2.net

? Did you know

The smallest reserve managed by the Wildlife Trust is in Norfolk: Hethel Old Thorn, a 13th century hawthorn.

Find out more at www.wildlifetrusts.org

