



# November

## Breathing Places this month

### ✓ Do one thing

**Plant a tree** and look after it in the months ahead to make a positive contribution to your environment

Find out more at [www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces)

### i What to look for

On mild days, the countryside is draped with gossamer from tiny **linyphiid spiders**. Freshwater invertebrates like **caddis** are present all year. Now is a good time to look for the larvae in their cases made from stones or bits of plant material. **Mosses** of all kinds can be found in woods and hedgerows; their velvety evergreen tufts and cushions stand out among the bare wood. Many plants produce beautiful seed heads, such as **hogweed** and **teasel**, which are valuable as food for birds, but also as stems in which insects can over-winter. Unlike the rabbit, **brown hares** do not burrow so you may spot them crouching in fields at this time of year. Many birds gather together in small flocks, especially **finches** and **tiits**. Out on the marshes, skeins of geese arrive to spend the winter in Britain. **Barnacle geese** winter on the north-west coast and **brent geese** from Siberia find a refuge on our muddy estuaries. **Whooper** and **Bewick's swans** are some of the most spectacular visitors and enliven a misty November day.

Find out more at [www.open2.net](http://www.open2.net)

### ? Did you know

Dragonflies spend most of their lives underwater. They may take five years to become an adult. Although they are on the wing in summer, you can find the nymphs in freshwater at any time of year.

Find out more at [www.buglife.org.uk](http://www.buglife.org.uk)

## Habitat of the month

**Wetlands:** Wildfowl gather in abundance on lakes and reservoirs. How many different species of wader, duck or goose can you spot?

## Photo opportunity

**Winter berries:** Provide a splash of colour to brighten up your photos. Use a macro lens to get really close; a tripod is useful to keep the lens steady. Alternatively, look for a bit of sunlight reflecting off dew or rain to give an extra sparkle.

## Photo opportunity



## Have you seen this month



**Pintail duck**

DATE:

AMOUNT:



**Caddis larva**

DATE:

AMOUNT:



**Brown Hare**

DATE:


AMOUNT:



**Teasel**

DATE:

AMOUNT:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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