

Expect to see our wildflower meadows in bloom between May and September.

Our wildflower meadow is one of our newest habitats. With the support from the Friends of Cotgrave Country Park, and funding from Severn Trent Water 3½ hectares of wildflower meadow has been sown. Wildflowers have been established in grassland areas to enhance biodiversity. Species sown are typical of the local Rushcliffe area and the Trent Valley. Over 70 species of wildflowers and over 20 species of butterflies and moths can be commonly seen in the park.

Why are wildflower meadows important?

- Provide more opportunities for wildlife.
- Support micro-organisms, fungi and a wider range of fauna such as insects, birds and mammals which thrive as a more complex food-web establishes.
- Grassland and meadow soils can sequester (absorb) up to 3 tonnes of carbon per hectare.
- Bees, butterflies and other pollinators are provided with food throughout the year.
- Provide shelter for breeding and overwintering invertebrates, mammals and birds.
- Enhance enjoyment for visitors to green spaces, which can help improve people's health and mental wellbeing.

Why are butterflies and moths important?

- Indicators of healthy environmental ecosystems.
- Areas rich in butterflies and moths are rich in other invertebrates. These collectively provide a wider range of environmental benefits, including pollination and natural pest control.
- Important in food webs as they are prey for birds, bats and other insectivorous animals.



Red Admiral



Small Tortoiseshell



Meadow Brown



Buff-tailed bumblebee



Did You Know?

Wildflower meadows are one of the rarest habitats in the UK with 97% of our wildflower meadows having been lost since the 1930s.

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