



## A Flora of King's Lynn



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Caption: Cover of the new publication  
on the flora of King's Lynn

## Welcome!

Norfolk biodiversity made the national media this month with the launch of the Broads Biodiversity Audit, a study conducted by researchers at UEA which has highlighted just how important the area is for wildlife.

Our bulletin also brings you information about a study of Norfolk hedgehogs; news of a new flora for King's Lynn; access to presentations from the NBP Forum on species re-introductions; details of work underway to help native crayfish; a link to a new directory featuring community groups working for Norfolk's wildlife; news of a publication about Norfolk's ancient trees; how to get involved with a survey looking for invasive non-native mitten crabs; and how to help NBIS by sending in records of any Norfolk wildlife you spot – perhaps when you're out for a walk over the Christmas period!

Thanks to all those who responded to our request for feedback to this bulletin. We are pleased that you find our bulletin useful and will continue to use your responses to shape the content and format.

This month we say a very sad 'farewell' to Scott Perkin, who is off to a new post with the IUCN in Thailand after seven incredibly productive years as Biodiversity Co-ordinator with NBP. We will miss him tremendously – he leaves behind an amazing legacy of achievements, resulting in huge benefits for Norfolk's wildlife and those who work in the sector. We send him and his wife Mary, all the best for their exciting new chapter.

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### Local NEWS

#### **Over 60% of Norfolk County Wildlife Sites are in positive management**

2011 statistics collated for Defra by NBIS show continued improvement over last year.

<http://www.nbis.org.uk/news#SDL160>

#### **West Norfolk hedgehog study**

Pat Lorber has written a very interesting account of her West Norfolk hedgehog survey.

<http://www.nbis.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/PatLorberHedgehodUpdateNov2011.pdf>

#### **Biodiversity Audit highlights importance of the Norfolk Broads for rare wildlife**

<http://t.co/GjButl3S>

Read the full report on the Broads Authority website:

<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/authority/publications/conservation-publications.html>

#### **Survey identifies 800 different plant species in King's Lynn**

The Flora of King's Lynn by local botanists, Robin Stevenson and Frances Schumann, sponsored by Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society (NNNS), NBP and NBIS is available for purchase from Jarrod's or via NNNS

[www.nnns.org.uk](http://www.nnns.org.uk), prices £8.

<http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news/?id=13>

#### **NBP Forum explores species' re-introductions**

Read more and download the presentations from November's NBP Forum at:

[http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/about/annual\\_biodiversity\\_forum.aspx](http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/about/annual_biodiversity_forum.aspx)

#### **NNNSI establishes crayfish 'ark' site in Norfolk**

Read more at:

<http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news/?id=12>

#### **Directory of local community groups launched**

Read more about this partnership initiative developed by NBP and BTCV:

<http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news/?id=16>

#### **Ancient trees in the landscape**

A new publication by Gerry Barnes and Tom Williamson explores many aspects of ancient and traditionally managed trees in Norfolk.

<http://www.oxbowbooks.com/bookinfo.cfm/ID/91005>

#### **Geological landscapes of the Norfolk coast**

Publication available to download from the Norfolk Coast Partnership website:

<http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/pages/pspage.php?PageID=568>

#### **Website for bat group**

A new website has been set up for the Mid Anglian Bat Group:

<http://www.midanglianbatgroup.org/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **NBP website refreshed**

The NBP has been re-designed to give it a contemporary look and further new content has been added. Check it out at:

<http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org>

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## National NEWS

### Forestry Commission launches GIS data download

62 GIS datasets are now available for download including national forest estate, grant schemes work areas, forest plans, felling licence applications, inventories and legal and administrative boundaries:

[www.forestry.gov.uk/datadownload](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/datadownload)

Further information available from [olly.stephenson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:olly.stephenson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) and [ian.maleod@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ian.maleod@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

### New web resource on bat roosts

The Bat Conservation Trust has launched a knowledge hub for bat roost mitigation issues aimed at consultants, architects and homeowners:

<http://roost.bats.org.uk>

### Better integration of agricultural practices needed to ensure agro-ecosystems deliver vital services

A new report entitled "An Ecosystem Services Approach to Water and Food Security" has been published by the International Water Management Institute

[http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/Topics/Ecosystems/PDF/Synthesis\\_Report-](http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/Topics/Ecosystems/PDF/Synthesis_Report-)

[An\\_Ecosystem\\_Services\\_Approach\\_to\\_Water\\_and\\_Food\\_Security\\_2011\\_UNEP-IWMI.pdf](http://www.iwmi.cgiar.org/Topics/Ecosystems/PDF/Synthesis_Report-An_Ecosystem_Services_Approach_to_Water_and_Food_Security_2011_UNEP-IWMI.pdf)

### For more national news, follow the link here:

<http://www.nbis.org.uk/news#NovemberNationalNews>

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## GETTING INVOLVED

### Help record Chinese mitten crabs

The Natural History Museum is looking for records of Chinese mitten crab, a non-native species originating in Asia, which is threatening our waterways

<http://mitten crabs.org.uk/>

### Record Norfolk winter wildlife online

You can ensure all your wildlife sightings get straight through to NBIS by recording online. The system will accept records of any wildlife you've spotted

<http://www.nbis.org.uk/AllSpeciesSurvey>

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## SPECIES HIGHLIGHTS

### Six new sites for sandy stiltball (*Battarrea phalloides*) fungus

This rare species of fungus has been recorded recently at new roadside sites on the Norfolk/Suffolk border and in central Norfolk

### Vagrant emperor dragonfly spotted in Yarmouth library garden

<http://fb.me/MMrb9YSK>

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## EVENTS

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011

#### Scott's farewell

A farewell party for Scott Perkin to say a massive 'thank you' for all his work over the past seven years at the helm of the Biodiversity Partnership, will be hosted by Norfolk County Council on December 19th. Further details from Su Waldron, [su.waldron@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:su.waldron@norfolk.gov.uk).

### 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012

#### Wild About the Wensum

Popular annual conservation event at Pensthorpe. Further details available from:

[Kirsty.willingham@pensthorpe.com](mailto:Kirsty.willingham@pensthorpe.com)

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2012**

**Glad about the Glaven**

Event celebrating the local area and appreciation of the environment to be held at Holt Hall. Further details available from: [fakenhamlearningcommunity@fakenhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:fakenhamlearningcommunity@fakenhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

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**AND FINALLY..**

**Bone-eating zombie worms can no longer hide**

Staff at the Natural History Museum examined a 3 million year old whale fossil using a CT scanner to find out what had been eating it.

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/news/2011/october/bone-eating-zombie-worms-can-no-longer-hide105243.html>

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