

# THERE'S MORE TO FARMS THAN JUST FIELDS

**W**hen you hear the word 'farm' you probably think about fields, but there's actually lots more to farms than that! Did you know that 70% of the land in the UK is used for farming? When that much land is being used for farming, it's really important that farmers and landowners think about wildlife. Farms can be great for wildlife when they're well looked after, and they can be home to some super species. Here you can learn about some of the habitats, and the animals that benefit from them, on Jordans wildlife-friendly farms...



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## Wonderful woodland



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A small patch of woodland can support lots of wildlife. Just one oak tree can be a home to 350 different types of insects - wow! Prickly hedgehogs can often be found snuffing around woodland edges. Having patches of woodland on farms means that hedgehogs can travel between woodlands, hedgerows and fields, giving them plenty of places to search for food. Bats also love woodlands because they like to roost in old trees with lots of hollows.

## Wacky wildflowers



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Wildflower margins are full of colours! They might look like weeds, but these are super special flowers. They're perfect for pollinators, like bumblebees. Without them pollinating our fruit, like apples, strawberries and pumpkins, and other plants, we just couldn't survive on our planet! Other insects that live in wildflower margins make a yummy meal for lots of different types of birds and bats.

## Party ponds



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Just like us, animals and plants rely on clean water to survive so a pond is the perfect way of attracting lots of wildlife. They can also be meeting spots: every spring lots of frogs travel to ponds in large groups to mate!

Not everything is happy to share space in a pond, though. This beautiful four-spotted chaser is a very territorial dragonfly - it even patrols its part of the pond, ready to chase off intruders!

## Homely hedgerows



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Hedgerows are really important habitats on farms. They are special feeding and hiding places for insects. They are also perfect nesting places for many bird species, like bullfinches and yellowhammers. Dormice love to feed in hedgerows. They can almost double their body weight just prior to hibernation! When they link up to other habitats, like woodland, hedgerows are corridors that wildlife can use to travel along - like a footpath or a cycle path!

## Groovy grassy margins



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Grassy margins are strips by fields that are left uncut. They might look a bit messy but they're perfect habitats for insects. Do you know what that means? Lots of food for nesting birds that feast on the insects!

Voles and other small mammals also love to live in here, sheltering from the beady eye of predators such as barn owls and kestrels.

Next time you're walking past fields see if you can spot a bird of prey on the look out for a tasty meal.

## ON WILDLIFE'S SIDE

You might know Jordans from the cereal and other food that they make, but did you know that they also work to make their farms great places for wildlife? At least 10% of every Jordans farm is set aside for wildlife, and Wildlife Trusts across the UK help their farmers to make sure these areas are managed well so wildlife can thrive.

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