

## Wildlife at Sunningdale Park

**Common** and **Soprano Pipistrelle** bats, the UK's smallest bat species, forage across Sunningdale Park from spring to autumn. Look out for them flying in Chestnut Wood or over the pond in South Meadow.

**Nuthatches** are agile, blue-grey birds famous for travelling up and down tree trunks and nesting in vacated woodpecker holes. Listen out for their 'boink-boink' call as you walk through Chestnut and Aspen Woods.



Two of the three resident UK woodpecker species are regularly seen at Sunningdale Park. Male **Great Spotted Woodpeckers** can be heard drumming on hollow trees in spring - this territorial noise is their equivalent of a song. **Green Woodpeckers** prefer feeding on insects in grassy areas so look out for them in the meadows and listen for the laughing 'yaffle' call as they fly away.



Berkshire is a stronghold for the **Red Kite** following a successful reintroduction to England in the 1990s. Glance upwards as you walk through the meadows and you may spot them gliding overhead - their forked tail distinguishes them from the similar-sized **Buzzard**.



The **Speckled Wood** butterfly is most at home in dappled sunlight so look out for them basking along the woodland edges of Sunningdale Park. Males are fiercely territorial and so will usually settle on or near the same perch when disturbed.

A herd of **Roe Deer** regularly visits Sunningdale Park, using their red-brown fur to blend into the tall summer grasses of the South Meadow.

