# NATURE SPOTTER

### **Woods & trees**

Woodlands only cover 13% of the UK's land and we have lost 70% of our ancient woodlands. However, our woodlands still support an incredible diversity of life. From broad leaf woodland, temperate rainforest to Caledonian woodland, flourishing forests support a huge range of plant and animal life.

#### Did you know?

- Around 4,000 million tonnes of carbon are stored in UK forests, of which half is in Scotland.
- Only 44% of the UK's woodland is managed sustainably.
- 1,225 of the UK's ancient woods are currently under threat.







☐ Nuthatch

Red squirrel



 $\hfill \square$  Great spotted woodpecker

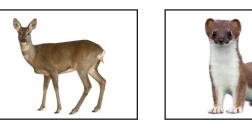
Robin



☐ Jay



☐ Fallow deer



Roe deer Stoat



Holly blue butterfly

Holly



☐ Wood ant



Chicken of the woods fungi



☐ Oak tree



Yew tree

#### Did you know?

- Bowthorpe oak in Lincolnshire is believed to be the oldest in the country, more than 1,000 years old!
- Wood ants have the ability to spray formic acid to defend themselves!
- A stoat will tackle prey up to three times it's size!

#### Tricky to find

- Red squirrels can be found in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland but restricted to a few scattered sites in England.
- You may only get a fleeting glimpse
  of a stoat, perhaps as its trying to
  catch a rabbit. Look out for the black
  tip on its tail which is an easy way
  to distinguish it from the slightly
  smaller weasel.

## SAVE OUR WILD ISLES







Working together to protect and restore UK nature.