

FACTSHEET

Winter is a fantastic time to see some unique wildlife. Let's learn about these wonderful animals and how they prepare for the cold months ahead...

WINTER WILDLIFE IN THE UK

There's so much wonderful wildlife across the country. Here are just a few animals you might spot in the UK this winter, as well as some easy ways to help them survive the colder months

**Squirrels**

These scurrying scavengers can jump more than two metres – that's around eight times their own body length!

Squirrels store food during winter. To help, offer them nuts such as hazelnuts and almonds. They also enjoy chopped apple, green beans and carrots

**Robins**

Each robin has a unique chest pattern and can be recognised individually

Robins like to feed on the ground. Put a tray of bird food close to a tree or shrub for them to enjoy

DID YOU KNOW?

Robins are associated with Christmas because 'robin' used to be a nickname for postmen who delivered Christmas cards in their red uniforms

DID YOU KNOW?

Foxes have whiskers on their legs as well as their face to help them find their way

Foxes

Foxes have fantastic hearing and can hear something as quiet as a watch ticking from over 30 metres away!

Foxes breed in the winter. Help them to stay healthy by leaving out cooked meat or tinned dog food. They're also fond of cheese, fruit and peanuts!

**Badgers**

These nocturnal creatures have sharp claws to help them dig tunnels and caves to live in underground

Badgers reduce their activity in colder months to save energy. An easy way to help badgers is to leave wet cat or dog food outside overnight

