

British Nature Guide

16 Interesting things to look for in April

An especially good place to go is a country park where there is woodland and a flower meadow.



Garden Tiger
Moth caterpillar



Hawthorn in
blossom



Orange-tip on
Cuckooflowers



Harlequin
Ladybird



White Clover



Holly Blue
Butterfly



Forget-me-Not



Bank Vole



Banks of Bluebells



Cuckooflower or
Lady's-smock



Large Red
Damselfly



Ramsons or
Wild Garlic



Scorpionfly (does
not sting)



Whitethroat
(migrant warbler)



Green Shieldbug



Hoverfly (does
not sting)

April is a great time to get out. There are plenty of flowers attracting bees and butterflies. Some flowers, particularly Ramsons, have a very strong smell. The returning migrant birds like the Whitethroat are singing to attract mates and to claim their territories. Small mammals like Bank Voles become more active, and can sometimes be attracted into the open to feed on seeds.

It is a good idea to take a small tub of seeds with you on your walk. They can be used to attract small birds like Bluetits, Nuthatches and Robins.