

British Nature Guide

16 Interesting things to look for in May

Look for an area with woodland, heathland and a shallow lake. Many country parks are ideal.



Swollen-thighed
Beetle



Azure
Damselfly



Black-tailed
Godwits wading



Drinker Moth
caterpillar



Herb-Robert



Scorpionflies do
not sting



Wind Roses



Wasp Beetle



Wasp



Canada Geese
with goslings



Red Campion



Small Copper
butterfly



Low growing
Bird's-foot Trefoil



Garden Chafer
beetle



Sloe Bugs
(Shieldbugs)



Ragged Robin

May is a great time of year. The days are long and warm and most wildflowers are in bloom attracting many different types of insects.

Some early breeding water birds such as Canada Geese, Coots and Mallards already have young out of the nest. A lot of the summer migrant warblers are singing or busy building nests.

Some late migrant wading birds are still passing through on the way to their breeding grounds further north.