Bala and Penllyn Wildlife Guide

A pictorial guide to the wildlife of Bala and Penllyn.



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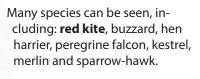
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A species of whitefish, which is unique to the area.

Where:

Deep down in the lake, at about 80 feet, and feed on plankton.

Birds of Prey



Where: Around the lake, moorland and mountains.

Perhaps you will see an Osprey which is an occasional visitor to the lake.

Otters

Where:

In the streams and rivers and the lake shore, which provides a wealth of feeding and breeding habitats.

When:

Usually nocturnal, possibly seen at dusk and dawn

Moorland Birds

Notable species include: merlin, hen harrier, peregrine falcon, **red kite**; other characteristic species include: red grouse, black grouse, golden plover, snipe, curlew, various owls, whinchat, stonechat, wheatear, ring ouzel, raven.

Where:

The moorland and grassland habitats of the mountains are home to populations of a wide range of upland birds. The Berwyn National Nature Reserve is one of Wales' most important remaining upland species strongholds.



Waterside Birds

Includina:

kingfisher, heron, dipper, various wagtails, goosander, merganser.

Where:

Along the banks of the lake and rivers, particularly the Rivers Dee & Tryweryn.



Small Mammals

Thrive on the rough terrain and include: shrew, vole, woodmouse, stoat, and weasel.

Woods, moorland and mountains.

Large Mammals

Including:

Brown hare, badger, fox, grey squirrel, rabbit, polecat.

Where:

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