

Full List of Mammal Species Recorded within the Maldon Study Area (November 2023)

		Occurrence Since 2000	Comments
Insectivores			
Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	Resident	
Mole	<i>Talpa europaea</i>	Resident	
Common Shrew	<i>Sorex araneus</i>	Resident	
Pygmy Shrew	<i>Sorex minutus</i>	Resident	
Water Shrew	<i>Neomys fodiens</i>	Resident	
Lagamorphs (Rabbits & Hares)			
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Resident	
Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Resident	
Rodents			
Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>	Occurred historically- no recent records	
Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Resident	
Hazel Dormouse	<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	Single recent record: 2021, two found in hedgerow near Heybridge Wood during	
Bank Vole	<i>Myodes glareolus</i>	Resident	
Field Vole	<i>Microtus agrestis</i>	Resident	
Water Vole	<i>Arvicola amphibius</i>	Resident	Population decreasing?
Harvest Mouse	<i>Micromys minutus</i>	Resident	Scarce
Wood Mouse	<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>	Resident	Commonest of the mice
Yellow-necked Mouse	<i>Apodemus flavicollis</i>	Resident	
House Mouse	<i>Mus musculus</i>	Resident	
Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Resident	
Black Rat	<i>Rattus rattus</i>	Presumed present historically- no recent records	
Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	Presumed present historically as records from as close as Ulting	Eradicated from the UK in the 1970s/80s
Carnivores			
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Resident	
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>	Resident	
Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Resident, regular records since 2009	Seen in study area though breeding holts may be just outside
Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>	Occurred historically- no recent records	Last record from Hazeleigh Wood, 1884
Stoat	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Resident	
Weasel	<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Resident	
Polecat	<i>Mustela putorius</i>	Two records: Sept 2014, by Hall Road, Heybridge (SW) 22nd June 2022, Lofts Farm (SW, JB)	Wild provenance not proven but there are increasing Essex sightings, thought to be spreading from Hertfordshire
American Mink	<i>Neovison vison</i>	Resident	
Ungulates			
Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	A couple of sightings at Hazeleigh and Langford assumed to be escapes from deer farming initiatives	Occurred historically
Fallow Deer	<i>Dama dama</i>	Resident	
Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	Single record: May 2010, by London Road (RN)	More records likely as the Essex population is on the increase
Reeves' Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	Resident	

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Bats			
Daubenton's Bat	<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>	Resident	
Natterer's Bat	<i>Myotis nattereri</i>	Resident	
Serotine Bat	<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>	Recorded but current status unknown	
Leisler's Bat	<i>Nyctalus leisleri</i>	Resident	
Noctule Bat	<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>	Resident	
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Resident	
Soprano Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>	Resident	
Nathusius' Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus nathusii</i>	Migrant, breeding status being investigated	One caught at Chigborough Lakes EWT in Sept 2017 had been ringed in Aug 2016 at Riga, in Latvia
Barbastrelle Bat	<i>Barbastella barbastellus</i>	Recorded but current status unknown	
Brown Long-eared Bat	<i>Plecotus auritus</i>	Resident	
Pinnipeds			
Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Regular visitor	In autumn 2022
Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Single recent record: 15th Dec 2020, in river off Mill Beach (SW, JB)	More records likely as the coastal population is on the increase
Cetaceans			
Northern Bottle-nose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Historic- type specimen was one found in Maldon in 1766	
Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Single record: one appeared on the rising tide between Maldon Prom and Heybridge Pits over three days from 26th Oct to 28th Oct 2023	Exceptional record Presumably same individual also seen off Maylandsea 25th Oct 2023. Perhaps of relevance, four Common Dolphin were videoed in the River Crouch off North Fambridge on 16th May 2023
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	No live sightings but corpses found, eg one found along sea wall between Osea Island and Goldhanger, 31st Jan 2021	More records likely as the coastal population is on the increase