

Ireland's Mammals

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This new publication offers an accessible introduction to Irish mammals. Illustrated with high quality colour photographs and drawings, this book is an ideal reference for libraries and schools and includes a 20-page Irish language section.

Ireland's Mammals makes us reassess our thoughts on the Irish countryside – by introducing its many intriguing and charismatic wild inhabitants.

The aim of this book is to increase awareness of our mammalian fauna. This is a book for readers of all ages and offers an accessible introduction to Irish mammals. It introduces the reader to the life of each animal – where it lives; what it eats; when it breeds; and its adaptations for a particular lifestyle.

Each common land mammal is discussed in the Species profiles and this is complemented by an Irish language section. The common name, Irish name and scientific name is provided for each animal. A sample is provided of the whale and dolphin species observed in Irish waters – the cetaceans covered were chosen in order to illustrate the diversity of life in Irish waters. Average weights and body measurements of each mammal are provided.

I hope this book offers a gentle introduction to our wildlife that will encourage further reading and a lifelong interest in our wild animals and our environment generally. A contacts list and further reading list facilitates further learning and involvement in conservation.

I hope this book causes the reader to reassess their thoughts about the Irish countryside and its wild inhabitants – that it might encourage us to see Ireland as a living landscape, with many interesting and charismatic characters.

Contents - Species Profiles:

Wood Mouse, Bank Vole, House Mouse, Black Rat, Brown Rat, Red Squirrel, Grey Squirrel, Hedgehog, Pygmy Shrew, Brown long-eared bat, Pipistrelle bats, Leisler's bat, Whiskered bat, Natterer's bat, Lesser horseshoe bat, Daubenton's bat, Rabbit, Irish mountain hare, Brown hare, Otter, Badger, Red fox, Pine marten, Stoat, American mink, Red deer, Fallow deer, Sika deer, Feral goat, Grey seal, Harbour/common seal, Bottlenose dolphin, Short-beaked common dolphin, Harbour porpoise, Killer whale, Minke whale, Humpback whale, Blue whale and Other Marine Mammals.

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