

# Welcome to The Moors

at The Christopher Cadbury Wetland Reserve, Upton Warren



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The pools here at The Moors are situated on former agricultural land that subsided as a result of nearby brine extraction.

The great expanse of water attracts ducks, gulls and other birds throughout the year but the islands, reedbeds and small secluded patches of water provide different habitats for a wider variety of species.

Management of the habitats across the reserves is important to keep everything in tiptop condition for wildlife. Our team of dedicated volunteers help to maintain the islands, dig out ditches, manage trees and much more.



Water rail

## Did you know...?

They may be hard to spot but Cetti's warblers are not hard to hear. Listen for a burst of song in the reedbed and you might be lucky enough to see a reed twitch as the bird moves through. They nest in dense vegetation and scrub near water where females lay four or five bright red eggs.



Cetti's warbler

## Seasonal highlights

### SPRING

Reed warbler, common tern, common sandpiper, sand martin, Cetti's warbler



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### SUMMER

Great crested grebe, moorhen, oystercatcher, lapwing, hobby



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### AUTUMN

Pochard, shoveler, teal, jack snipe, reed bunting



© Wendy Carter

### WINTER

Bittern, water rail, fieldfare, redwing, otter



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## Take a closer look

It may be famous for birds but there's more to Upton Warren's wetland than our feathered friends. The pools, brook and river are home to several species of dragonflies and damselflies; look for emperors hunting over the water. The berry-laden hedges provide food for butterflies like red admirals whilst the long grasses provide shelter for harvest mice.



Great crested grebe

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