

Little Ouse Headwaters Project

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What on earth is that?

How well do you know your local wildlife?

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Who
am I?



I'm a K_____

I eat _____



The LOHP's conservation work has helped me by giving me more p_nds and wet d_tches to fish in.

Look out for me along the r_v_r and on the fens.

I'm a Kingfisher

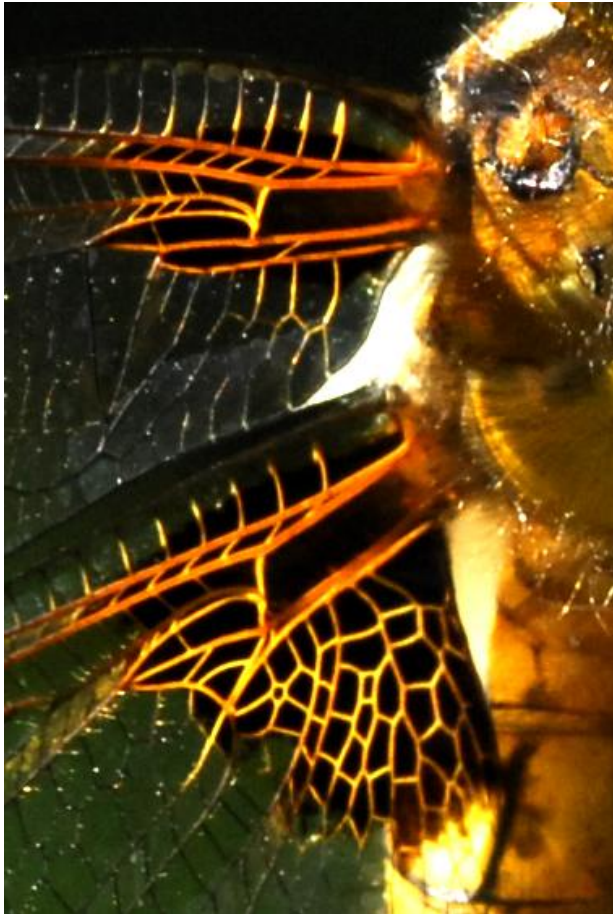
I eat fish



The LOHP's conservation work has helped me by giving me more ponds and wet ditches to fish in.

Look out for me along the river and on the fens.

Who
am I?





I'm a dr_g_nfl_

I eat i_____

I live under w_ter for
one or two y__rs, before I start to fly.

I need cl__n water to breed in.

I love the n_w pools the LOHP have ma_e.



I'm a dragonfly


I eat insects

I live under water for
one or two years, before I start to fly.

I need clean water to breed in.

I love the new pools the LOHP have made.



A close-up photograph of brown fur, likely from a horse, showing the texture of the hair. The fur is a rich, warm brown color with some lighter and darker patches. The hair is short and dense, with some strands standing out. The text "Who am I?" is overlaid in the top right corner in a white, sans-serif font.

Who
am I?



I'm a Redpoll c_w.

I'm an old-fashioned
breed and I don't
nee_ rich gr_ss to ea_.



I h_lp the wild fl_w_rs by eating
the t_ller, tougher pl_nts which
would otherwise overp_wer them.

I'm a Redpoll cow.

I'm an old-fashioned
breed and I don't
need rich grass to eat.



I help the wild flowers by eating
the taller, tougher plants which
would otherwise overpower them.

Who
am I?





I'm a w_ter v_le.

I became very r_re
because I was eaten by
American m_nks (released from fur farms.)



When the LOHP restored the ri_er in
2013 they took great ca_e not to
dam_ge my bu__ows. Now I've got
even mor_ good places to br__d.



I'm a water vole.



I became very rare
because I was eaten by
American minks (released from fur farms.)

When the LOHP restored the river in
2013 they took great care not to
damage my burrows. Now I've got even
more good places to breed.



Who
am I?



I'm a gor_e bu_h.

This is a val_ey and some of the h_gh parts are dry and s_ndy. I like that.

The r_bb_ts here are so hun__y that they will __t my sp_ky leaves.

The local ch__dren have hel_ed me by b__lding rabbit-proof f_nces round me.



I'm a gorse bush.

This is a valley and some of the high parts are dry and sandy. I like that.

The rabbits here are so hungry that they will eat my spiky leaves.

The local children have helped me by building rabbit-proof fences round me.





Who
am I?



I'm a ree_.

This is a v_ll_y. In the bottom is a ri_er and m_ny low places round here are very w_t. I l_ke that.

Local peo_le used to need me for an_m_l bedding and for m_k_ng and r_p__ring their ro_fs.



I'm a reed.

This is a valley. In the bottom is a river and many low places round here are very wet. I like that.

Local people used to need me for animal bedding and for making and repairing their roofs.





Who
am I?





I'm m_rsh lousewort.

I gr_w only in w_ld, wet places.

I'm partly parasitic. So I get some of my fo_d not from the s_n but from the other pl_nts rou_d me.

Look o_t for me at P_rk_rs Piece.

I'm marsh lousewort.

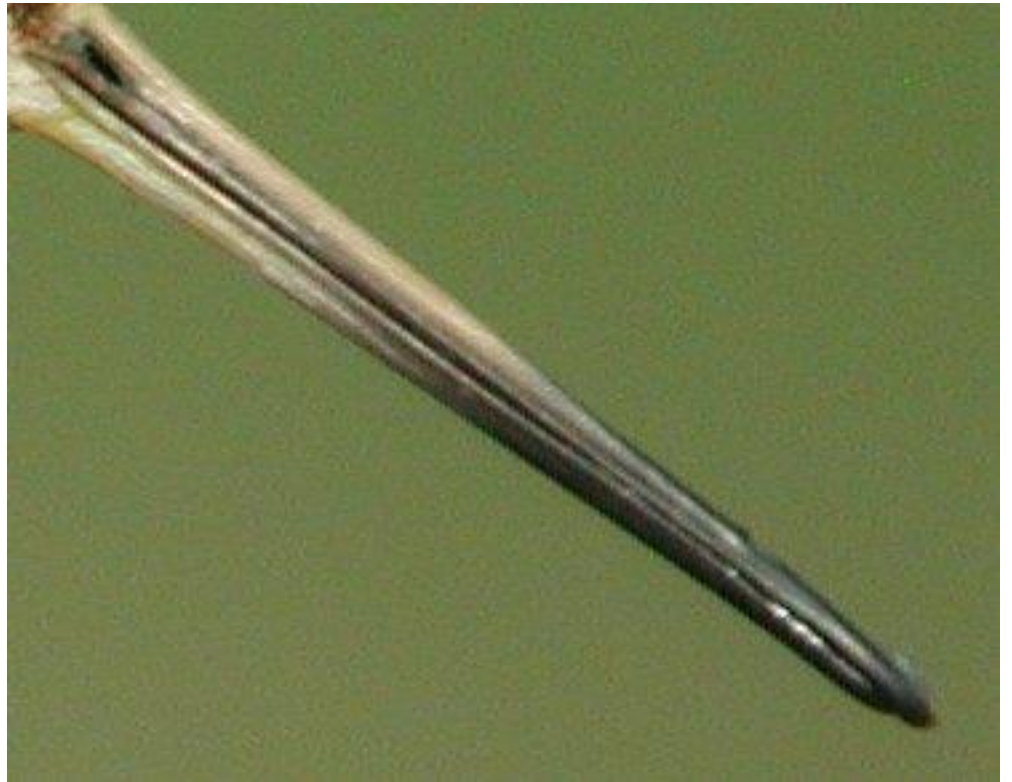


I grow only in wild, wet places.

I'm partly parasitic. So I get some of my food not from the sun but from the other plants round me.

Look out for me at Parkers Piece.

Who
am I?





I'm a sni_e.

I find and ca_ch my f__d
(w_rms and _ns__ts) in s_ft
w_t mu_ with my great long b__k.



Lots of us used to be here in w_nter
and used to ne_t round here too.

If _ogs off the lead keep dist_rbing us
here we can't breed.

I'm a snipe.

I find and catch my food
(worms and insects) in soft
wet mud with my great long beak.



Lots of us used to be here in winter
and used to nest round here too.

If dogs off the lead keep disturbing us
here we can't breed.

Who am I?







Mr Langston and other volunteers cutting peat and making new wet habitats



We're p__ple.

We've always been making
ch_nges in the va__ey.

In the last h_lf of the 20th c_ntury, people
drained the w_tl_nds here for f_rming.

A lot of the wetland w_ldl_fe v_nished.

Now people are h_lping it to come b_ck.



We're people.

We've always been making
changes in the valley.

In the last half of the 20th century, people
drained the wetlands here for farming.

A lot of the wetland wildlife vanished.

Now people are helping it to come back.



What are we doing?



1
Looking after the cows
who graze LOHP sites



2
Building a bridge to help
people enjoy an LOHP site



3
Making a path to help
people enjoy an LOHP site



4
Checking the bats who
are using the bat boxes
we have put up



5
Restoring the ditches
on Scarfe Meadows



6
Making new
wet habitats

What will
you do?