

## Identification card

All the species covered in the Farmers Wildlife Calendar are easily recognisable. This card will detail the features you need to see identify the species.

### Orange-tip Butterfly

*Anthocharis cardamines*



Male Orange-tip Butterflies cannot be mistaken with any other Irish butterfly. It has bright orange wingtips, which is where the species gets its name from.



The females differ from the males and they have black wingtips.



Both the male and female Orange-tip Butterfly have mottled green-grey underwings.



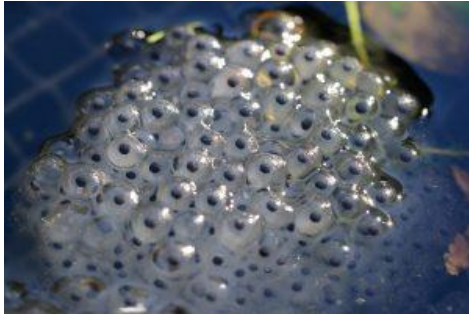
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## Frog spawn

Frog spawn is very easy to identify. It is always laid in clumps in shallow water.



## Ashy Mining Bee

*Andrena cineraria*



The Ashy Mining Bee is a solitary bee. The females are black and have two distinct grey bands across its thorax. The males are similar look to female but smaller with more conspicuous white hairs along the side of its thorax. There are no similar solitary bees like this in Ireland, so it is easily recognised.

## Flowering Primrose

*Primula vulgaris*



For both Primrose and Blackthorn, you can look for it before it flowers. For Primrose you are looking for oval-shaped leaves that are crinkled. The flowers are pale yellow that deepen in colour towards the centre.

**Once it flowers, please submit your record.**



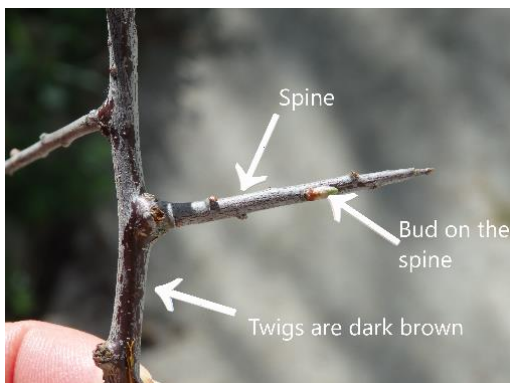
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## Blackthorn (Sloe)

*Prunus spinosa*

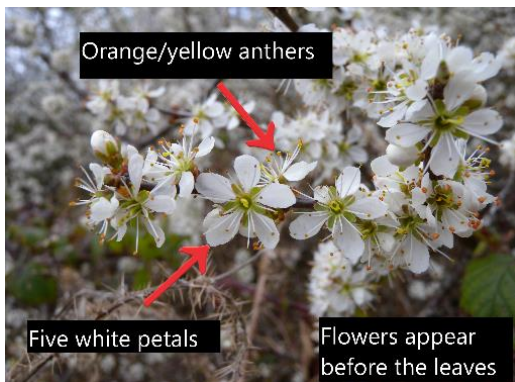
You can familiarise yourself with Blackthorn before it flowers by trying to ID from the twigs. This way you can watch the Blackthorn tree waiting for its first flower.

### Look for Blackthorn before it flowers



The Blackthorn can be identified during the winter by its dark brown twigs. The spines will have buds growing on them.

### Wait for Blackthorn to flower



Blackthorn is unusual in that it flowers before it has leaves. So, this a key feature for you to look out for!

The Blackthorn flower has five white petals with orange yellow anthers.



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## Common Cuckoo

*Cuculus canorus*



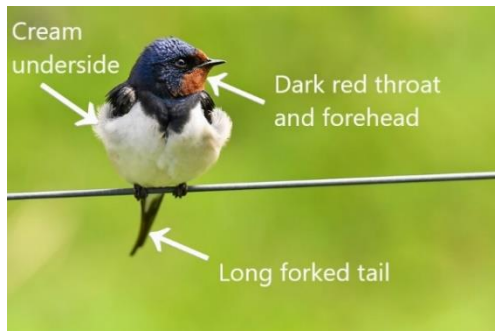
The cuckoo has an obvious song which sound like “wuck-oo”. You are welcome to send us a record of when you first hear its song.

Adults are blue-grey on the head, neck, back, wings and tail. Cuckoos have dark-barred belly.

## Swallow

*Hirundo rustica*

The Swallow has a blood-red throat and forehead which can be difficult to see when it is in flight. However, their glossy black wings and long forked tails make them easy to recognise. Again, hearing the Swallow calling is also a valid record!



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## Large Red Damselfly

*Pyrrhomoa nymphula*

The Large Red Damselfly is the only red-bodied damselfly found in Ireland. It cannot be confused with any other dragonfly or damselfly in Ireland. Here are some extra tips anyway:

- The eyes are bright red with two black horizontal stripes.
- The legs are completely black.
- Head and thorax are dark red and yellow underneath.



## Marsh-marigold

*Caltha palustris*



Marsh-marigold has bright yellow flowers with 5 petals. The leaves have a waxy texture with serrated edges. If you break the stems, you will see that it is hollow inside.



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