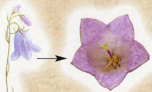




CORN MARIGOLD

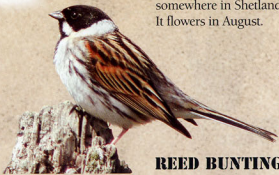
This flower is restricted to arable ground in southernmost south Mainland and the north of Unst and there have been just two records since 1987.

However, seeds remain viable in the soil for a number of years, germinating when the ground is ploughed. Best looked for along field edges, but please be careful not to enter crops!



HAREBELL

This attractive plant has always been rare in the islands but may now be extinct. It is, however, very hard to locate when not in flower, so could still maintain a foothold in some heathy pasture or rocky grassland somewhere in Shetland. It flowers in August.



REED BUNTING

Having colonised Shetland in the mid 20th century the population of this sparrow-sized bird peaked at around 40 pairs in the 1980's. It has since declined and the last confirmed breeding record was in 1995. Reed Buntings favour damp areas with longer vegetation and will often perch up high to sing their rather dull and repetitive song.



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SIGHTINGS OF THE FOLLOWING

These animals and plants are all very rare in Shetland and some may now be extinct. You can help establish whether they are still part of Shetland's biodiversity and increase our knowledge of their distribution here.



COMMON BLUE BUTTERFLY

This small butterfly, measuring about 2cm across, used to be found in the south Mainland where it favoured natural, herb-rich grassland. It could still linger here, or possibly colonise again from the south.



GREAT YELLOW BUMBLEBEE

Although not recorded in Shetland for 80 years, an unconfirmed record from Nesting in 2003 suggests it could still occur here. No other Shetland bee shows a brownish-yellow body colour broken only by a marked black band between its wings. It is likely to be found in flower-rich areas.

Species	Location (inc. grid ref.)	Date	Habitat
Corn Marigold	Eastshore (HU 403116)	24/07/05	Edge of Field

If you are going to search for some of these species please make sure you ask permission before entering private land and do follow the country code.