

Spring Spotter

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A unicorn!



Snowdrops



Daffodils



Butterflies



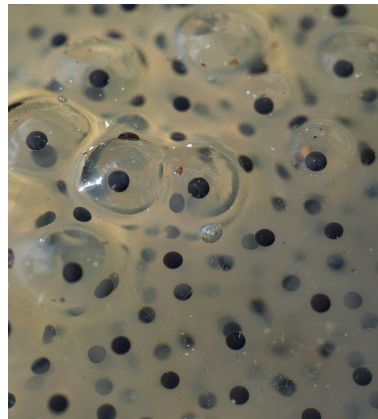
Cygnets



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Bird's nest



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Blossom



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Can you spot some of these amazing spring wonders on your walk? Remember some plants are poisonous and spiky so be careful when exploring.

1. **A unicorn:** The unicorn is a symbol of the Curwen family. The Curwen's were the Lords of the Manor of Workington and they used to live in Workington Hall.
2. **Snowdrops:** Snowdrops are one of the very first signs of spring. These delicate flowers emerge in the depths of winter, as early as the 1st of January.
3. **Daffodils:** Clumps of daffodil bulbs have been known to survive in the ground for well over a century, flowering consistently for decades and across generations.
4. **Butterflies:** The start of spring sees the return of many insects. Keep an eye out for beautiful butterflies, and check the ground for scurrying beetles.
5. **Cygnets:** We love seeing the little fluffy cygnets swimming around Millfield. Let us know if you spot any.
6. **Lambs:** There's nothing so uplifting as seeing fluffy white lambs leaping around in the fields.
7. **Bird's nest:** Spotting a bird's nest is a true sign of spring, but they can be tricky to see, as many birds carefully conceal their nests to keep their chicks safe from predators.
8. **Frogs/frog spawn:** (a jelly-like blob of amphibian eggs!) starts to appear in ponds from January onwards and by March frogspawn can be found all over.
9. **Blossom:** Blossom trees (and the fruit that falls from them, after the blossom ends) are an important habitat and food source for lots of animals. Bees, caterpillars, blackbirds, and even mammals like voles and badgers, all rely on these trees for food and shelter.
10. **Buzzing Bees:** with the return of flowering plants and trees, bees emerge from their winter nests and get ready for a new year of nectar collecting.