

MARINE

CODE OF CONDUCT

Check out
the code and
then go spotting
with our handy
guide cards
inside



- Be aware of what wildlife you might see and how best to view them

- Observe the reactions of wildlife before approaching slowly and steadily. Always keep a respectable distance and leave slowly, especially if any signs of disturbance

- Avoid surrounding animals, so that they are free to leave when they want to

- Never chase wildlife as it can cause a lot of stress

- Never feed or touch animals, they can bite and cause disease

- Remember, others may have been viewing the wildlife before you arrived and this can cause cumulative stress

- Avoid flash photography

- Litter is very harmful for animals, please take all litter home

- Wildlife will hear you before they see you therefore keep quiet and reduce your speed to less than 5 knots when approaching sites

Lundy - St Helens Centre Appeal

St Helen's is one of the most iconic buildings on Lundy and is currently in a very poor state of repair. We now need your help to raise £400,000 to match the funds we are in line to receive from the Heritage Lottery Fund. For more information and to donate please visit www.lundyisland.co.uk

Like our official pages on Facebook:

The Lundy Company keeps you up to date with island news and special offers whilst the Lundy Conservation Team focuses on Lundy's wildlife and conservation news

For further information on Lundy please see our dedicated website www.lundyisland.co.uk and for more marine conservation related interests please see www.lundymcz.org.uk

SIGHTINGS

Please send your sightings to Devon Biodiversity Records Centre dbr.org.uk

STRANDINGS

For strandings please contact:

On Lundy please contact the Lundy Warden on:
01237 431831 email: warden@lundyisland.co.uk

If you find a live stranded marine mammal contact the British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) on:
01825 765546 or out of hours 07787 433412

If the animal is dead then contact
Devon Biodiversity Records Centre on 01392 274128

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Further information can be found on the North Devon Coast AONB and SDF grants: www.explorethecoast.org and www.northdevonaonb.org.uk/grants.htm



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We are very fortunate to share the coastline of North Devon with a wealth of marine wildlife which you can help us to protect by following the guidelines inside:

FREE
marine
animal life
identification
guide



GET SPOTTING TODAY!

GREY SEAL (Halichoerus grypus)



Size: Up to 2.5 metres long, 250kg

Description: Dog-like noses, long whiskers, white fluffy pups

Other info: Pups are born all year in North Devon (mainly August to November), most females give birth on Lundy, very commonly spotted around Lundy and Morteohoe

MANX SHEARWATER (Puffinus puffinus)



Size: 30-35cm in length, 70-85cm wingspan

Description: Small seabirds, dark brown with a white throat and underside

Other info: Breed in burrows on Lundy Island, return to burrows on dark nights to avoid predators, have been known to live up to 55 years, migrate to South American for the winter

GUILLEMOT (Alca aalge)



Size: 32-38cm in length, 49-58cm wingspan

Description: Dark brown/black head, throat and back in summer with white underside, throat and ear becomes white in winter

Other info: One of the most common seabirds in the UK, only come to land to breed where they nest on narrow ledges, frequently spotted foraging around North Devon and nesting on Lundy Island

NORTHERN GANNET (Morus bassanus)



Size: 80-110cm in length, 165-180cm wingspan

Description: Large sea birds, predominantly white with yellow heads, dark tipped wings, dagger shaped bills, juveniles are dark grey and spotted

Other info: Majority of the population breed in the British Isles, can be spotted in North Devon gliding 20-30m above the water, when there is a chance to see cetaceans feeding alongside

BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN (Tursiops Truncatus)



Size: Up to 3.5 metres

Description: Light grey with a prominent beak

Other info: Can live in large group called pods, more commonly seen in North Devon in small groups, inquisitive species often seen bow riding behind boats

Don't forget to send your sightings in! See back page

MINKE (Balaenoptera acutorostrata)



Size: Up to 9 metres long

Description: Two blow holes, dark grey on top, white underside, white bands on flippers, pointed head with dorsal fin set far down its back

Other info: Usually occurs alone but known to be inquisitive of boats

COMMON DOLPHIN (Delphinus delphius)



Size: 1.9-3.9 metres

Description: Dark grey above, cream/yellow underside, hourglass shape

Other info: Frequently spotted in North Devon, often travel in large groups

HARBOUR PORPOISE (Phocoena phocoena)



Size: Smallest cetacean, grows up to 2 metres

Description: Dark grey back, paler side and underside, centrally located triangular dorsal fin, blunt head and lack of beak

Other info: Shy species but commonly spotted around North Devon, usually seen alone or in small groups, rarely breaks the surface of the water

PUFFIN (Fratercula arctica)

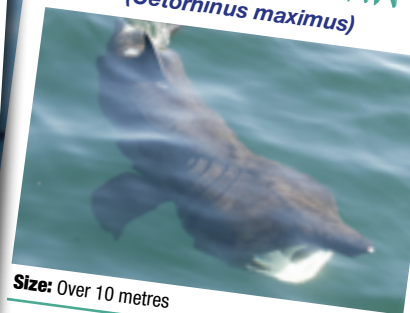


Size: 30cm in length, 45-60cm wingspan

Description: Black and white underside, distinctive black head and pale cheeks, tall flattened bill which is brightly coloured during breeding season

Other info: Best to see them between March and August on Lundy where there is a breeding colony

BASKING SHARK (Cetorhinus maximus)



Size: Over 10 metres

Description: Greyish brown to black on the top, off-white or darker on its belly, huge mouth, large gills, short conical snout

Other info: Second largest shark, often spotted around North Devon following cold water fronts of zooplankton, seen cruising along the surface filter feeding with the dorsal fin and top of tail protruding from water

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See all this marine life - in and around the North Devon coast!