

Know your Brown Hare (*Lepus europaeus*)



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Hares like the open countryside, and in the UK arable farmland is their natural habitat. Their preferred environment is a mixture of cereals and pasture, which gives them grazing and cover in all seasons.

Hares like to forage across a range of 30 - 40 hectares and a typical herbaceous diet consists of grasses, clover, grain and crop shoots.

The brown hare is on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan long list and in Nottinghamshire is listed in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan as a mammal of conservation concern.



Hare

Rabbit



Hares are larger than rabbits and have black ear tips. A hare's paw is about the size of a standard matchbox - whereas a rabbit's paw is much smaller, as seen here.

Often, the paw prints will appear pointed at the front. The claw is highly visible in the print - sometimes the only thing visible on harder ground.

Both have fur-covered soles.

Help us to help the brown hare. If you see a brown hare please complete and return this slip.

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