

Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*)

Each month, the **iWatchWildlife** Project choose a wildlife species that we'd like to know more about. We ask people to tell us when they spot that species, so we can then make it into a Species Record. Species records are important because the more we know - the better we can protect our local wildlife.

During **July**, we will be collecting records of **Hedgehogs**.



Hedgehog by Ellie Ward



Hedgehog by Catherine Chaikley

How to spot a Hedgehog:

- small, round, brown and famously covered in spines (around 6,000 of them!)
- signs of hedgehogs: medium-sized, black droppings consisting of bits of beetles and other insects, often found on the lawn
- favourite foods: worms, beetles, slugs, caterpillars, millipedes and earwigs – they are a gardeners' best friend!
- most active at night or after heavy rainfall

About Hedgehogs:

- are a species of national conservation concern
- it's though 1/3rd of British Hedgehogs have been lost since 2001
- they are mammals and hibernate during the winter
- have been voted the UK's favourite animal
- on the Island: it is believed they have declined in the countryside, but still survive in urban and suburban gardens

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