

## British wildlife quiz

### TRUE or FALSE Questions

1. Britain has over 150 species of wild grass
2. There are 7 species of reptile in the UK, can you name them. . .
3. There are 18 species of bat **native to** the UK
4. There are 100 species of butterfly native to the UK
5. Flamingos are native to the UK
6. There are 1000 species of beetle in the UK
7. Hedgehogs have 7000 spines
8. There are 7 species of amphibian native to the UK, can you name them. . .
9. Otters can live for up to 10 years
10. There are Dolphins in the waters around the UK
11. Male stag beetles have longer horns than female stag beetles
12. Grey Squirrels are native to the UK
13. Both male and female Glow-worms glow
14. Barn Owls eat mostly fruits and berries
15. Wrens are the smallest bird in the UK



**'Native to'** means that an animal originates/ comes from that area and was not introduced there by humans

## Answers

1. **TRUE**- There are over 150 known species of grass in the UK
2. **TRUE** - Grass snake, barred grass snake, adder, smooth snake, common lizard, sand lizard, slow worm
3. **TRUE**- 17 of which are known to be breeding here
4. **FALSE** there are 59 native species of butterfly, 57 of which are resident and 2 are migratory – 40 of those 59 can be found in Kent!
5. **FALSE** flamingos are native to South America
6. **FALSE**- there are over 4000 species of beetle found in Britain, Ireland and surrounding islands
7. **TRUE**- the spines are made of modified hair
8. **TRUE**- There are 2 toads- Natter jack toad and Common toad, 2 frogs- Common frog and Pool frog and 3 newts- Great crested newt, Smooth newt and Palmate newt
9. **TRUE** although many don't survive past 5 years old
10. **TRUE** - there are round 25-30 species of whale and dolphin can be seen in the waters around the UK.
11. **TRUE**- Male stag beetle horns can grow up to 75mm in length whereas a female's horns will grow between 30-50mm in length
12. **FALSE**- Grey squirrels were introduced to the UK in the 1970s, they originate from/ are native to North America
13. **FALSE** – only female Glow-worms glow, they do this to attract a mate. Glow-worms are not actually worms they are a type of beetle.
14. **FALSE**- Barn Owls eat mainly small mammals; wood mice, field voles and shrews although sometimes they will eat small birds, rats and even frogs.
15. **FALSE** – Goldcrests are the smallest British bird they are up to 9cm long and only weighs 6 grams, the Wren is 9-10 cm long and weighs 7-12 grams