

Wildlife	Best place to see	Top Tip	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Adder	YWT Allerthorpe Common	Visit early on a warm spring day to watch adders basking in the morning sun		✓	✓	✓								
Avocet	YWT North Cave Wetlands	Crossland Hide offers the best views of breeding avocets, with their distinctive curved beak				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Barn owl	Tophill Low	Barn owls are most active in summer as they feed their chicks, look for them at dawn or dusk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bearded tit	RSPB Blacktoft Sands	Listen for high pitched 'pinging' calls and watch for roving flocks in the reedbeds in winter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bittern	RSPB Blacktoft Sands	Visit in spring to hear the unmistakable 'boom' or try the winter months as they venture out onto the ice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ducks in breeding plumage	YWT Wheldrake Ings, YWT North Cave Wetlands	Male ducks like wigeon, teal, pintail and shoveler take on their finest attire in winter - a dazzling array of colours ready to impress a new partner for spring	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓
Gannet	RSPB Bempton Cliffs	Watch for gannets seemingly hovering on the thermals from the viewing platforms				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey seal	Anywhere along the coast	Keep your eyes peeled on the water - with a bit of luck you may spot an inquisitive head peeking back at you from below the waves	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harbour porpoise	Anywhere along the coast	Pick a nice calm day, settle down and wait to spot a small triangular fin breaking the water's surface						✓	✓	✓	✓			
Hen harrier	RSPB Blacktoft Sands	Look over the reedbeds on a winter's afternoon to see these birds coming in to roost	✓	✓									✓	✓
Marsh harrier	RSPB Blacktoft Sands	Hunting above the reedbeds with careful precision, marsh harriers nest in our largest reedbeds but travel further afield in winter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marsh orchid	YWT Flamborough Cliffs	Walk along the cliff top trail to see these beautiful blooms						✓	✓					
Otter	Tophill Low	These elusive creatures aren't easy to spot but the wait is worthwhile	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Puffin	RSPB Bempton Cliffs, YWT Flamborough Cliffs	In mid July look out for puffins with beaks full of sand eels for their chicks				✓	✓	✓	✓					
Red kite	Yorkshire Wolds	Keep your eyes to the skies whilst out and about, look for the distinctive forked tail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wader flocks	YWT Spurn	Visit at high tide to see thousands of wading birds like knot, dunlin and godwit swirling in the skies before roosting on the shore	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
Whales	Anywhere along the coast	It's possible to see minke whales off the coast on a still day - whale watching boat trips run from Whitby in summer and autumn							✓	✓	✓	✓		