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Helping to save biodiversity



Rio, Kyoto, Copenhagen and, more recently, Nagoya.

While the locations may have changed, the message has remained the same: 'biodiversity is universally threatened and we need to do much more'.

Improving habitat essential

Enhancing habitats is essential for biodiversity. All species rely on habitat. Thus new or restored habitats can benefit rare and common species alike with the result that the East of England's biodiversity will be enriched.

To this end we have outlined a comprehensive set of habitat targets for the East of England. These are summarised on the Biodiversity Forum's website and there is an attractive brochure and a practical 'wallchart' to download for you to find out more.

So, if you can help protect, improve, or even create more habitats in the East of England we would like to talk to you.



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Co-ordinating efforts

In the East of England we are actively involved in this challenging task. It is actually why the East of England Biodiversity Forum was first created – its role being to co-ordinate efforts on the ground that protect and enhance both habitats and species, and to align this local activity to national objectives.

This is our mission and it is one we have already spent over a decade pursuing. However, despite all of the Region's efforts, biodiversity remains under pressure. Rare species, such as the vulnerable fen raft spider or the gentle dormouse, continue to disappear. Even some of the once common ones, such as the house sparrow, are displaying dramatic declines.



Biodiversity duty

Help is needed to arrest these declines and disappearances. In fact, as the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 makes plain, whilst performing their functions all public bodies should make an effort to contribute to conserving biodiversity.

A range of contributions are needed

Saving biodiversity will require many different projects being undertaken by a range of partners. Actions might include:

- i. Protecting an established habitat
- ii. Agreeing to improve a section of the habitat
- iii. Or creating new habitat, whether adjacent to existing sites, or connecting several sites to provide robust landscape-scale, natural networks.

Whatever your ideas about helping to save biodiversity in the East of England, contact your LBAP Officer or equivalent.

For more detail go to our website www.eoebiodiversity.org

An online brochure outlining the Forum's habitat targets is available on the 'Habitats' page of this website. All contact details can be found on the 'Links' page.