



Spotting wildlife in Cornwall by train

Freddy Fox's guide to wildlife found on and around two scenic branch lines

Rail Information

Looe Valley Line services run all year from Monday to Saturday, with a Sunday service in the summer. St Ives Bay Line services are every half an hour Monday to Saturday all year round, with Sunday trains all year too.

Tickets can be purchased to Looe or St Ives from any National Rail station. Off Peak Day Return tickets offering great value for money are available from all staffed stations in Devon and Cornwall.

Groupsave allows four people to travel for the price of two Adult Off Peak Day Return fares on First Great Western services.

For information about train times and fares call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

You can visit Looe Island Nature Reserve, for a small charge, Easter to September from the Lifeboat Station slipway in East Looe. For details check the board by the Lifeboat Station or phone Cornwall Wildlife Trust on (01872) 273939.



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Spotting wildlife on the Looe Valley Line

Take the train from Liskeard and enjoy being close to nature as you wind your way down to the sea at Looe.

Enjoy the views of trees and flowers in this lush river valley and as the river opens up, look out for swans, egrets and possibly an otter or kingfisher.

After looking around Looe why not take a boat to Looe Island Nature Reserve, owned by Cornwall Wildlife Trust. There you can see the seabirds as well as enjoy wandering around your own special island.



Oystercatcher – A very striking bird with pink legs and a long bright orange bill. Funnily enough they don't eat oysters, they prefer mussels and cockles!

Greater Spotted Woodpecker – You really need to keep your eyes peeled to see this beautiful bird! They are the size of a blackbird and spend most of their time clinging to tree trunks and branches trying to hide...good luck!

Golden Ring Dragonfly – The female is our largest British dragonfly. Look out for dragonflies flying around hunting for insects to eat or just soaking up the sun on a bramble.

Foxglove - With its distinctive pink flowers it can be found in woodlands, gardens, moorlands, coastal cliffs, roadside verges and waste ground. Like many of our native plants, the foxglove is an excellent source of nectar and pollen for all kinds of insects.

Otter – It has webbed feet to help it swim well and five toes! The otter's favourite food is small mammals and birds as well as things like mussels. It is very playful and clever. If you see one you are very lucky as it is also quite shy.

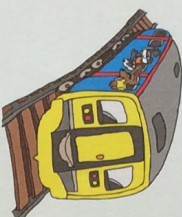


Join Freddy Fox for a great day out by train



Freddy Fox, of Fox Club, and his wildlife friends often travel by train. They have so much fun seeing who can spy the most wildlife as they go. Why don't you join Freddy and his friends and try to spot some wildlife on your journey...

Fox Club is the junior branch of Cornwall Wildlife Trust, founded in May 1983. It is Cornwall's leading wildlife club, and was created to inspire children and their families to explore and enjoy the wildlife around them.



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Who we are...

We are the leading local charity in Cornwall working to protect and enhance the county's wildlife and wild places. We have helped people to enjoy nature for over 50 years. We are passionate about all aspects of nature conservation and work only in Cornwall.

What we do...

- **Conserve habitats**
By managing 55 nature reserves, covering over 5,000 acres, giving refuge to rare and endangered species.
- By advising landowners on how best to manage their land for wildlife.

Protect wildlife

- By campaigning and running projects on land and at sea to protect wildlife and its environment.
- By recording and monitoring wildlife, allowing us to share our information, knowledge and expertise.

Inspire people

- By encouraging locals and visitors to explore and enjoy Cornwall's natural heritage.
- By helping children to have fun with nature through Fox Club, aimed at primary aged children.

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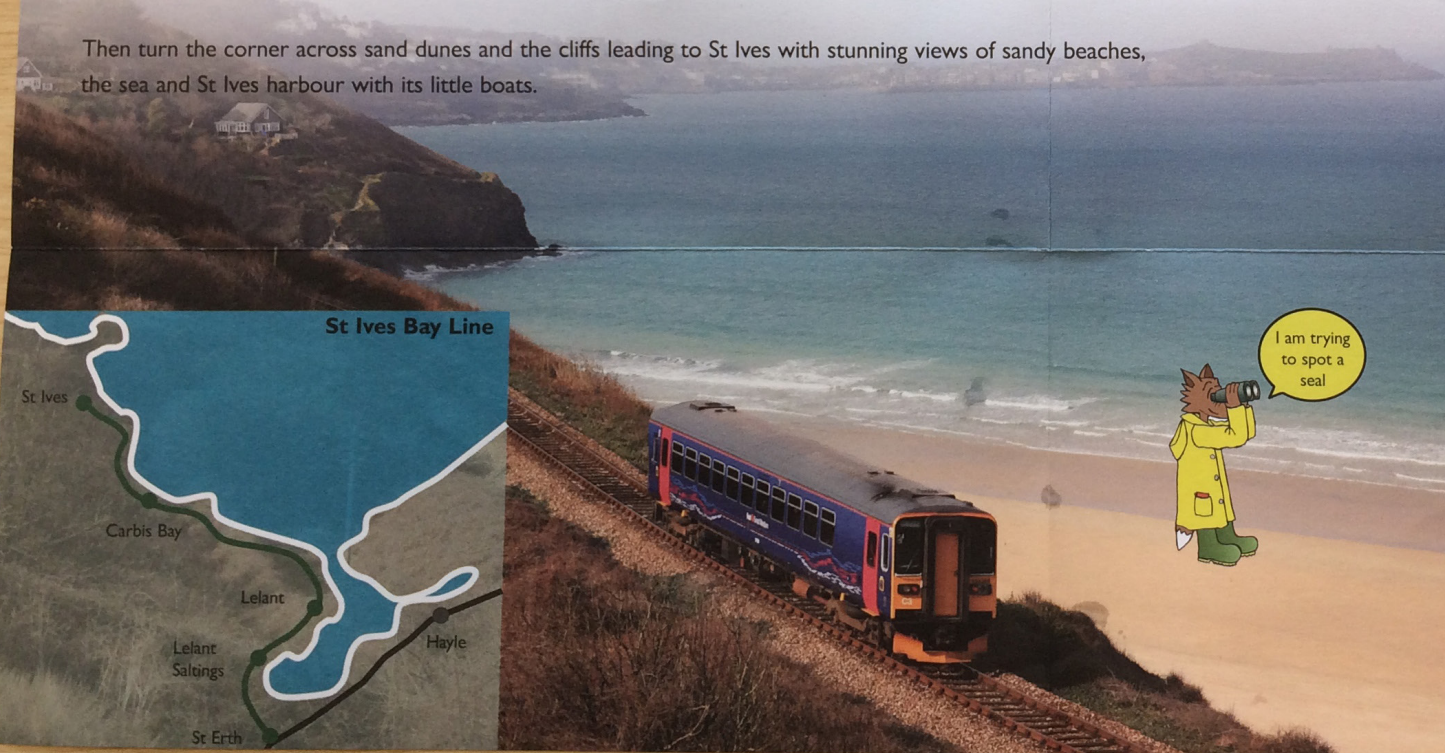
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Spotting wildlife on the St Ives Bay Line

Enjoy one of the best scenic short train journeys in Britain on the St Ives Bay Line and get the chance to see different wildlife at all times of year.

The train winds along the edge of the tidal waters of the Hayle Estuary where in winter you can see thousands of seabirds.

Then turn the corner across sand dunes and the cliffs leading to St Ives with stunning views of sandy beaches, the sea and St Ives harbour with its little boats.



Fox – You can see one of these pretty much anywhere these days. It eats anything from berries and worms to small animals such as mice and birds.

Red Admiral Butterfly – This is one of our best known butterflies. It particularly likes a plant called buddleia, which grows very well next to railway lines so you should see some!

Grey Seal – Spends most of its time out at sea where it feeds on fish. Grey seals are also often found on rocky shores and on sandy beaches. A grey seal's thick, insulating layer of blubber and waterproof fur allow it to survive in cold water temperatures that would kill a human within minutes.

Brambles – Although brambles are often seen as a weed, insects love it because of the fruit...as do humans!

Cormorant – This bird can often be seen sunbathing in the winter sun with its wings outstretched.

