



DOWN'S DIARY

Your guide to watching wildlife

February

Sweet violet



Celandines



Crocus



Primrose



February is the time that you can see things slowly preparing for spring. Trees are budding such as the **horse chestnut**, **beech** and **elder**. More flowers are starting to pop up like the **crocus**, **sweet violet**, **celandine** and **daisy**. Some trees like the **yew** and **hazel** are blossoming and birds are beginning to sing frequently once more as the mornings are getting warmer and the days longer.



The **ravens** will be on their twig nests already. They may look a lot like a crow, but they are the size of a buzzard! Listen out for their cronking calls and look out for their aerial displays from Seawalls.



Raven



Blackbird

The full song of the **blackbird** can be heard in February. It is a sign that birds are pairing up and that spring is not far away! **Squirrels** are busy courting and **foxes** can be heard late at night screaming as they



Yew

Look out for **yew** cones and **hazel catkins** - they can distribute masses of yellow pollen around this time of year.

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