

The Wildlife Trust / Beds, Cambs, Northants

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Sustainable gifts

The Wildlife Trust BCN are very keen to encourage people to be more sustainable. The more things we buy, the more energy is needed to make them and move them, which contributes to climate change and affects local wildlife.

Consider buying good quality gifts that will last, think about packaging, make something with upcycled materials, and give something that will be cherished. Here are some ideas for alternative gifts:

- Grab a ticket to share a sociable Nature and Natter session with your friend or family member. Coming up, we have an evening of sustainable craft, and another where you can make a willow wreath. wildlifebcn.org/events
- Buy something hand-made and local from a craft or farmer's market, or visit our annual Christmas Fair at our head office in Cambourne on Friday, November 28th from 3.00 to 7.00 pm – [event poster](#)
- Adopt a species. For the Wildlife Trust BCN you can support our work by adopting a highland cow, beaver, or hedgehog shop.wildlifebcn.org
- Give the gift of Wildlife Trust BCN membership and support the local nature reserves you use regularly wildlifebcn.org/become-member
- Create a jam-jar full of time vouchers...you could have a token to explore a new nature reserve together, or one where you watch the birds in the garden.

Winter wildlife

Winter is a good time to watch ducks and geese. Many wildfowl are winter migrants, and the Wildlife Trust BCN have a few wetland sites nearby where you can see these more unusual water birds, sometimes as part of large flocks.

- **Grafham Water:** we manage some of the area surrounding this huge reservoir, and there are several hides. There are lots of interested ducks, including pintail, shoveler, and shelducks. There is a charge for parking.
- **Ouse Washes:** An internationally important site for wetland birds. Over winter you might see Bewick and whooper swans here, as well as large numbers of ducks.

- **Godmanchester Nature Reserve:** this smaller site was once gravel pits. Look out for wigeon, tufted duck and teal here.

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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.