
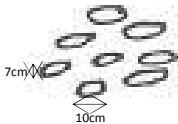
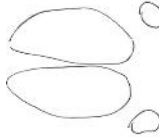
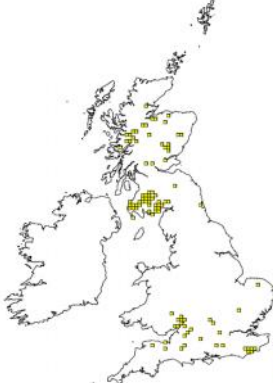


Wild Boar		<i>Sus scrofa</i>		
Description: A large pig with a thick bristly coat with underlying brown pelage (fur). The bristles are red-brown to black with white or tan tips. The snout is long, narrow and straight, and the ears are small and erect. The tail is straight with long tassels. Males can weigh up to 200kg, females up to 130kg. The maximum height reached for both sexes is about 1 metre.				
Field Signs				
Wild boar regularly visit wet ground where they wallow to keep cool and remove parasites.	Droppings: Sausage shaped but with irregular lumps. Black in colour 	Footprints: Unlike the tracks of other toed ungulates (e.g. deer), the wild boar has dew claws that leave an impression either side of the track. 	Tree notches: Male boar will notch trees and leave the bark coated with pheromones.	Tree rubs: Boar rub themselves against trees which strips the bark and often leaves dried mud coating the area.
Diet: Omnivores– diet changes to accommodate seasonal variety but ranges from plant matter (roots, blubs, tubers, berries) to live prey (including invertebrates, birds eggs, small rodents, lizards and amphibians where possible) and carrion.			Habitat: Females show a preference for dense habitats such as woodlands but males will roam in a verity of habitats from marshland, farmland and riparian habitats.	
Lifespan: up to 10 years		<p>Not currently recorded in Oxfordshire.</p>  <div><p>KNOWN RECORDS</p><p>Great Britain and Northern Ireland:</p><p>1995-2015 Present = yellow</p></div>		
Breeding: In October and November the normally solitary males move into female groups to mate. Giving birth (normally 4-6 piglets) can occur between February and October but peaks in April. Fully weened after 3-4 months.				
UK Conservation Status: Extinct (originally native) but some feral (escapees or illegal releases).				
Oxfordshire: Currently not recorded				
Legislation: Not currently protected.				
Don't confuse with: Some field signs can be confused with deer species. Feral pigs: Domestic or feral pigs are descendants from wild boar (and are still the same species) so can at times be almost impossible to distinguish				