

Tewin Orchard and Hopkyns Wood

This reserve is situated in quiet and typically English countryside near Tewin. Wildlife abounds particularly butterflies, birds and badgers.



Great news - [funding for urgent work at Tewin Orchard secured](#)

Tewin Orchard represents an almost extinct feature of the English countryside: that of small village orchards with varied and often local fruit trees. Today not only is the orchard good for apples and pears but many forms of wildlife, including the rare white letter hairstreak butterfly. In autumn and winter the windfall apples attract large numbers of redwings, fieldfares and blackbirds. Other birds using the orchard include yellowhammers, greenfinches, linnets and goldfinches.

In contrast, Hopkyns Wood is a shady oak and hornbeam wood with [ground flora](#) dominated by bluebells and garlic-smelling ransoms in springtime. Its real secret is the old and complex badger sett.



The meadow adjoining the wood and leading up to a mammal watching hide (see below) also belongs to the Trust and is used by badgers and other animals, providing a safe 'corridor' from the wood to the orchard and somewhere for them to forage for food.

The reserve's mammal watching hide is available for bookings throughout the summer months, through the [Herts and Middlesex Badger Group](#).

Tewin Orchard is leased to the Trust by the RSPB. Hopkyns Wood was given to the Trust by Dr J Hopkyns in 1971.

The Wildlife Trust is restoring the orchard by planting traditional fruit varieties. The orchard was planted in 1933 with varieties such as Egremont Russet and Laxton Fortune, and at one time the fruit was auctioned on the strength of the blossom.

- [Get driving directions](#)
- [Find nearby public transport](#)

How to Get Here

Location

Tewin Village

Directions

On the B1000 from Welwyn Garden City to Hertford, turn left through Tewin village. Carry on towards Burnham Green, passing Tewin cricket ground on the left. Immediately after a bend in the road, take a small right turning into Tewin Orchard, parking just inside the reserve gate entrance.

Public Transport Links

Bus stop Upper Green or Rose and Crown PH in Tewin

Walking Links

Map Reference

TL 268155

Visitor Guide

Size

4.26 hectares

Access to site

Accessible at all times

Access around site

Walking time

Advice on what to wear/bring

Good walking shoes recommended.

Map of site (if available)