



Somerset
Wildlife Trust



Project Bittern:

Listen for bitterns across Somerset
from **14th March - 14th April**



The loudest bird in the UK thanks to the male bittern's incredible 'boom', which can be heard up to 3 miles away



Once extinct in this country, but their numbers have since increased dramatically and continue to grow every year



The Somerset Levels are home to one of the largest populations of breeding bitterns in the UK



Thank you for joining Project Bittern!

We're so excited to have you on board for this very special citizen science project. Bitterns are masters of camouflage and notoriously difficult to spot, but thanks to the male bittern's 'boom', they are often heard much more than they're seen!

Bitterns have been recorded on Somerset Wildlife Trust reserves for the past 10 years, but there's still more we have to learn about them – including how many bitterns we really have in Somerset, and whether they have started to spread out from the Somerset Levels into the wider countryside.

That's where you come in!

We're asking you to keep an eye (and two ears!) out for bitterns this spring and share any bittern sightings (or 'booms' you hear!) on the popular citizen science platform, iNaturalist.

To start sharing your sightings, search 'Project Bittern' on iNaturalist or follow the link below!

www.inaturalist.org/projects/project-bittern