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PREAMBLE

(Wind Direction on December 21st: E/ NE)



Wildflower of the Month – Common Gorse

Flower of The Month: Carnation

Tree of The Month: Silver Birch

Full Moon this Month: Wolf Moon

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose; all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

Helen Keller

Photographer of the Year 2025 – Trevor Eldridge

“Whooo’s Watching Who?”

March 2025.



Indigenous UK Weather is not the BBC and will never operate as such. Therefore, full transparency – Trevor Eldridge is my dad, but won the vote fair and square with an amazing 197 votes.

Congratulation Dad 😊 I am so excited to give you your trophy and RSPB voucher!

Who will the 2026 Photographer of the Year be?

Judy Woodward Presents:

Photo of the Month: Who Goes There?



This image captures one of those magical moments where nature feels alive and quietly aware, rewarding those who take the time to really look.

Thank you so much for sending in this amazing shot Judy. Sharing moments like this is especially important for members of our community who aren't always able to get out and experience nature first hand – something Dave truly appreciated and spoke of often in his final weeks.

Little Boots' Big Adventures: January

Hello, bird brains!

January arrives quietly, the trees stand bare, the ground crunches underfoot, and the world feels hushed. Look a little closer, and you'll discover that January is one of the best months of all for noticing nature... especially the birds.

With leaves gone and hedgerows stripped back, nothing has anywhere to hide. This is the month when the small things suddenly become easy to see if you take the time to look.

Feathered Friends Festival (All Month Long)

January is prime time for birdwatching. With fewer leaves on the trees and birds hungry after winter nights, gardens, parks, and woodlands become busy meeting places.

You might spot:

- Robins defending their winter patches
- Blue tits and great tits visiting feeders
- Blackbirds searching for berries
- Dunnocks quietly hopping in hedges

Little Boots Challenge:

Keep a January bird list. How many different birds can you spot this month? Can you notice which ones visit every day and which only appear occasionally?

Bonus points if you learn one bird call by ear!

Wolf Moon Wonder

January's full moon is known as the Wolf Moon, named for the long winter nights when wolves were once heard howling at the edge of villages. On a clear night, step outside and look up. Winter moons often shine brighter and sharper in the cold air.

Try this:

Listen. What sounds travel further in the cold? Can you hear owls, foxes, or distant birds calling?

Bare Branch Detectives

With trees stripped of leaves, January is the best time to study their shapes.

Look for:

- Old nests revealed in bare branches
- Places birds might choose to nest again
- Bonus points for mistletoe sightings!

Little Boots Tip:

If you spot an old nest, keep an eye on that tree in spring, birds often return to familiar places.

Winter Kindness Corner

January is a tough month for wildlife.

You can help by:

- Putting out bird food regularly
- Leaving apples or berries for blackbirds and thrushes
- Keeping fresh water available when ponds freeze

Remember:

Helping birds through winter means more birdsongs come spring.

So, little explorers... January may feel quiet, but it's full of life if you slow down enough to notice it. Wrap up warm, pop out some bird food, and let the birds be your guides this month. You might be surprised just how much there is to see when the world takes off its leaves.

Lace up your boots, zip up your coat, and keep looking.

Over and Out!  ❄️

Magic Sightings waiting to happen in January are:

- Curlew
- Fallow deer
- Fieldfare
 - Fox
- Frosted Spiderwebs
- Golden Plovers
- Hoar Frost
- Kingfisher
- Lapwing
- Mistletoe
- Mountain Hare
 - Otters
- Pink Footed Geese
 - Red Deer
 - Red Squirrels
 - Redwing
 - Robins
- Starling Murmurations
 - Stoats
- Tawny Owls/ Short Eared Owls
 - Teal
- Waxwings (some years)



Red Squirrel

January is a great time of year to plant garlic because it needs cold to thrive. The chill triggers proper bulb formation, while slow winter root growth gives the plant a head start before spring.

Planted now, garlic settles quietly underground, shrugs off frost, and emerges strong and early – making it one of the most reliable, low-effort crops you can put into the ground at the very heart of winter.

- Black Mustard.

January isn't the best time for foraging. There are still a couple of great opportunities for foraging mushrooms/ fungi at this time of year, however I do not and will not advise people to go foraging for these items.

You really need to know what you are doing. Please do not forage mushrooms/ fungi unless you are with a qualified professional.

**IF YOU ARE
UNSURE OF
IDENTITY DO NOT
EAT. WE HAVE A
SURPRISING
NUMBER OF
POISONOUS
SPECIES IN UK.**

THE SKIES: JANUARY 2026

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- 3rd: Full Super Moon
- 3rd & 4th: Quadrantids Meteor Shower
- 10th: You may be able to see Jupiter



Full Moon:
3rd January @ 10:02
Cold & High Winds



3Q Moon:
10th January @ 15:48
Fair & Mild



New Moon:
18th January @ 19:52
Fair & Frosty if winds N or NE



1Q Moon:
26th January @ 04:47
Rain



PERIGEE @ 21:44 ON 1st JANUARY &
29th JANUARY @ 21:45

APOGEE @ 20:47 ON 13th JANUARY

