

Species List of Mammals of Chorley Area 2014

Bats:

Brandts/Whiskered:	Rare and difficult to tell apart
Brown long-eared:	Fairly common
Daubentons:	Common over most water bodies
Natterers:	Uncommon. A roost near Cuerden held up some unwelcome development
Noctule:	Fairly common and noted on most bat walks we conduct
Pipistrelle (common)	Our commonest bat seen nearly everywhere
Pipistrelle (soprano)	Another common species. Identified from previous species by bat detector

Other Mammals

Bank Vole	Fairly common
Field Vole	Not too many records
Water Vole	Numbers declining and elusive. Predated by American mink
Grey Squirrel	Pest species. It is illegal to release to the wild
Red Squirrel	Last recorded 1997 Bank Hall. Probably extinct in Chorley
Rabbit	Very common
Brown Hare	Very common in the west
Common Shrew	Quite common
Water Shrew	Elusive but seem to be widespread. Very few records
Pygmy Shrew	As the previous species, very few records, probably due to fewer surveys
Red Fox	Fairly common
Roe Deer	Another very common species in most woodlands or woodland edges
Red Deer	A rare visitor to our area with only one record in 10 years
Fallow Deer	Several reports each year for this animal
Hedgehog	Common throughout our borough, though they suffer a high traffic mortality
Stoat	Several sightings each year
Weasel	Fewer sightings than its larger cousin
Badger	There are a few badger clans in our area, but locations are confidential
House Mouse	Not as common as one would imagine. Very few records
Wood Mouse	Very common throughout our area
American Mink	An alien species which seems to thrive despite management in a number of areas.
Common Seal	A single record near the Baily Bridge during one of our annual Bird Races