

## Celebrating local nature and wild places that you notice in and around Newcastle-upon-Tyne

**A**urora borealis may be spotted along the in dark areas if conditions are right



**B**rown centipedes are in mouldering bark and leaves to keep warm

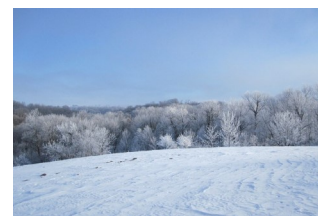
**C**ormorants are frequently seen in Gosforth Nature Reserve in groups sitting in a tree



@Peter Fawcett

**Fact! D**unnock have four different mating strategies

**E**vergreen trees stand out in winter e.g Pine, Spruce



**F**rosty mornings are common in winter, reflecting sparkling winter sunlight

**G**oldcrest are often seen in coniferous trees searching for insects

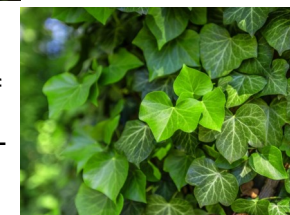


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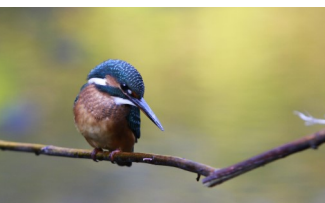


**H**olly adds a splash of bright red across the forests

**I**vy crawls up houses and trees offering shelter to wildlife such as queen wasps

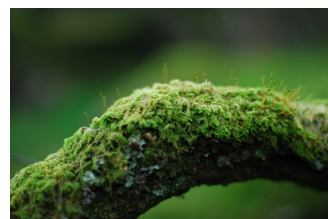


**J**elly ear fungus



**K**ingfishers are a bright blue sight on a dark winters day

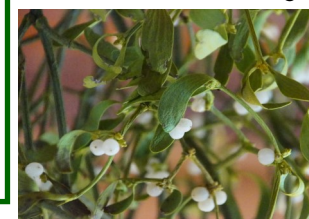
**L**ichen flourishes in the damp winter air



# December



**M**istletoe is a parasitic plant that grows high in trees, preferring less dense woodland with lots of light



**N**uthatches scuttle around trees looking for seeds and nuts

**O**ak (English) supports lots of wildlife during the colder months



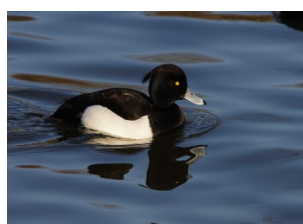
**P**oecilocampa populi (Winter moth) is one of the few moths found in winter



**R**edwings can be seen eating berries on hedgerows



**T**ufted ducks can be seen in many lakes



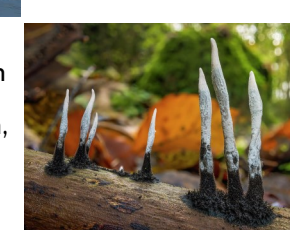
**U**lex europaeus (common gorse) adds colour to the winter landscapes

**V**oles (field) are active in winter, often building tunnels to their burrow, often hidden by snow



**W**ading birds are seen on their winter migration, e.g Pink footed geese

**X**ylaria hypoxylon (Candlesnuff fungus) can be seen growing on dead rotting trees



**Y**ew trees provide shelter for many birds and mammals



**Z**oned Rossette fungus

Now make your own A to Z of local wildlife and wildlife places that you notice



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