

In summer the grass is alive with invertebrates including stripe-winged and common green grasshoppers, small heath and brown argus butterflies, Roesel's bush-cricket and long-winged conehead.



Brown argus

Weeting is perhaps most celebrated for its breeding stone curlews. These were among the reasons the reserve was acquired and they have nested here ever since. Areas of grass heath are occasionally rotavated or turf-stripped to provide the bare ground which this species needs for nesting and to provide conditions for rare annual plants. Scarce invertebrates including wasps and solitary bees depend on these bare patches too.



Stone curlew

Other characteristic birds at Weeting Heath include winter flocks of fieldfare and spring migrant wheatear. Mistle thrush, siskin, crossbill and woodlark are found in the belts of pines at the edges of the reserve and in spring they are joined by spotted flycatcher and tree pipit.



Spiked speedwell



Siskin

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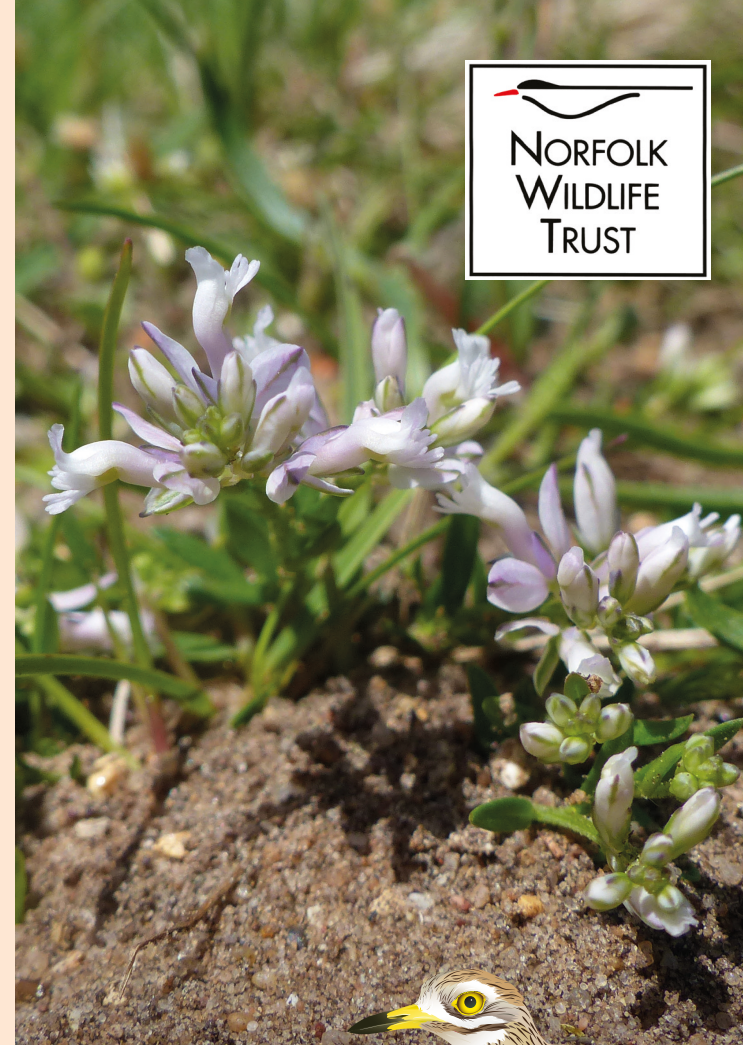
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**Weeting Heath is one of several NWT nature
reserves in the Brecks Living Landscape and one
of the most important remaining Breck grasslands.**

It was purchased for NWT by Christopher Cadbury in
the early 1940s. The site is home to a number of rare
plants, insects and birds, notably the stone curlews
which breed here.

Seasonal highlights

Apart from small areas of Scots pine, Weeting Heath is
dominated by Breck grass heathland and is one of the finest
remaining examples of this habitat. Grassland is deliberately
kept short, grazed by Dartmoor ponies, British white cattle
and rare breed sheep to favour the rare plants and birds
which live here. Iconic plants in Weeting's grassland include
spiked speedwell and maiden pink.



Enjoying your visit

The nature reserve is open from the third weekend in March to August, every day 7am – 7pm. There is a small charge for entry, free for NWT members.

As well as viewing the heathland areas of the nature reserve from the hides, visitors can enjoy a forest walk along a well-marked trail. It is about 4.5km and allows good opportunities to see species such as crossbill.

Caution should be taken when crossing the Hockwold Road, fast moving traffic present.

Can I bring my dog?

Dogs are not allowed in the pinebelt and hides areas during the open season. They are allowed on the woodland walk and the open access compartments during the months of November to February but must be kept on a short lead. Please observe signage on site.

I have limited mobility, where can I go?

Reserve: From the visitor centre, hardened paths lead to accessible hides that overlook the reserve.

Visitor Centre: There are no specific disabled car parking bays but a rough surface leads to the centre. The unisex toilets are wheelchair accessible but are only available when the centre is open.

Facilities

The visitor centre is open from the third weekend in March to August, 9.30 – 4.30pm. August opening is on demand with regard to nesting. Please call the centre for details on 01842 827615. Small gift shop, snacks and hot drinks in the centre, plus toilets. Free car park.

At all our sites the responsibility for the safety of visitors is seen as one that is shared between the Trust and the visitor.

Visitors can help by:

- Observing all notices and signs during your visit
- Ensuring all gates are securely closed
- Not cycling on the reserve
- Following any instructions and advice given by Trust staff
- Ensuring that children are properly supervised at all times
- Wearing appropriate clothing and footwear

