



What to see in January 2021



A Scatter Rug Lichen (*Parmotrema perlatum*)

This is a fairly common lichen in Britain and is very sensitive to sulphur dioxide levels in the air and so is a good indicator of levels of pollution. It can be found on the trunks and branches of trees and is a pearl-grey colour when dry but turns green when damp.



B Male Fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*)

This is a fern that is very common throughout the country and can be found in woods, the sides of ditches and on hedge banks. Although it is said to be deciduous, fronds do survive to provide some green colouring in woods in winter.



C Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*)

This bird often tries to hide on trees away from anyone trying to observe it but its presence is given away by its loud call or drumming display which is common in the early year. Male birds have a distinctive red patch on the back of their head.

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