

Fenland Animals

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Habitats

Animals in the fens live in a variety of habitats.

They make use of the water, marshes, land and trees to make their homes. Some live high up in the trees, and others live deep underground.

Can you see a variety of habitats here?



Some animals we find in the fens live underground. Badgers live in a habitat called a 'sett' and foxes live in 'dens'. Other fenland animals, like hares, make nests above ground.

Badgers dig their setts using their strong claws & hares will make a simple nest in the grasses and farmland of their habitat. When lying in their nest, their fur & ears are excellent camouflage!



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Other animals found in the fens make their homes high up in the trees!

Hérons nest in colonies called 'heronries', often in the top of trees. Here, they make their large nests from twigs and lay their eggs there.



Sometimes, instead of building their nests from scratch, owls will take over abandoned nests of other birds! Many owls also make their nests in tree hollows too.



Fish and eels also make their homes in the many reeds and plants found in fenland rivers and waterways.

Draw a picture of a fenland landscape & include as many animals and their habitats as you can - remember to include lots of water, land and trees!