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# Winter at Hucking Estate

Discover winter birds and wispy beards.

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- Ash** has distinctive black, velvety buds. Look out for bunches of seeds clinging onto branches long into winter.

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- Gorse** has bright yellow, coconut-scented flowers that can appear as early as January.

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- Silver birch** is a beautiful elegant tree. Its distinctive, paper bark is silvery-grey in colour.

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- Hazel** catkins and flowers appear in late winter. The male catkins hang in clusters, looking like lambs' tails, while the bright pink, female flowers are much tinier.

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- Yew** is a conifer. Its evergreen needles provide year-round colour in the woods around Hucking Estate.

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- Grey partridges** are plump birds with striking orange faces. Look for them flying close to the ground in open areas.

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- Wild clematis** is commonly known as traveller's joy or old man's beard. The latter is linked to the plant's feathery, wispy seeds which decorate hedgerows throughout autumn and winter.

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- Linnets** belong to the finch family. Look up to the skies in winter to see them gathering in large flocks.

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- Corn buntings** are the largest of the UK's native buntings. Look out for them joining finches and sparrows to form mixed-species flocks in winter.

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