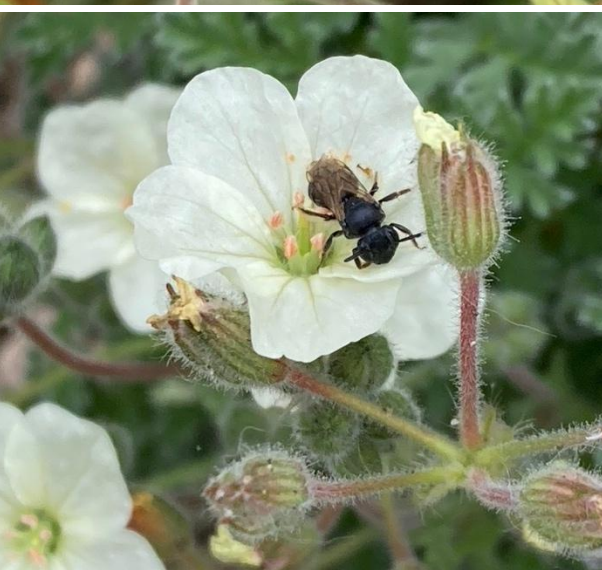


Biodiversity and Woodland management at St Hilda's College



Welcome to all new students starting in 2026!

We invite you to explore the gardens, meadow, river Cherwell and our Ancient Woodland. Enjoy the peace of the rose garden, do some yoga on the lawn behind the gym, go for a trail run in the wood or a meditation walk around the meadow, paint the flowers, watch the bird and insect life...

You can access our wood ([Radley Large Wood-What3Words///bubbles.eggshell.truffles](#)) anytime. It is a pretty 4-mile cycle/run/walk along the Thames towpath from Donnington Bridge (turn away from the river at Sandford Lock to reach the wood up Sandford Lane) or catch Abingdon buses (from Oxford police station stop catch the 35 bus; there are bus stops close to both Woodland and Pebble Hill park homes, with multiple paths accessing through both sites).

If you'd like a guide for cycling there or a bit more detail, get in touch via your E&E reps or email us hildabugs@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

- We do regular Birdsong surveys in St Hilda's Wood using the free [Merlin App](#), no expertise needed, but let us know if you'd like to have a go
- Ongoing species photography survey in the gardens and the wood. Send your photos (no artistry needed!) to hildabugs@sthildas.ox.ac.uk or add to your iNaturalist account with a geo-tag for any college sites or the wood.
- Photography competitions for St Hilda's Wood (Radley Large Wood). Watch out for notices announcing the competitions!

We'd love to hear your ideas about making College a wilder, greener, more biodiverse place. Do get in touch!

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