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I have included just those species that I have photographed at Carphin. I am grateful to Stuart Paul, Briony Harcus, Ross Stuart, Billy Walker and others at Carphin who have welcomed me onto the farm.

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Badger

This badger came to check me out when I was about to set up a light for recording moths.





Brown hare

Hares are often seen on the estate.









Grey squirrel

Grey squirrels can often be seen at Carphin, mostly on the lower parts of the estate, in deciduous trees.









Rabbit

At Carphin, I see rabbits mostly at night. These appeared in fading late when I arrived to record moths.





Red squirrel

Red squirrels are sometimes seen at Carphin, usually on higher parts of the estate, in coniferous woodland. With the arrival of squirrel pox in Fife, which is carried by grey squirrels but is lethal to red squirrels, the Fife populations of reds are vulnerable, given the presence of many grey squirrels.







Roe deer

A common sight on the estate.





