

# Mammals of Gaddon and Birnie Lochs

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I have included just those species that I have photographed at Gaddon or Birnie Loch.

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# American mink

Introduced into the UK through escapes and/or releases from mink fur farms, the American mink has had a detrimental impact on many native species.  This one was looking out from under the hide at Birnie Loch in February 2026.







# European beaver

Recently re-introduced on Tayside, and rapidly spreading out from there.  These shots were taken at Birnie Loch in August 2024.





# Grey squirrel

Both grey and red squirrels can sometimes be seen at Gaddon and Birnie Lochs. The above is my only squirrel photo from the lochs.



# Otter

Otters have made a remarkable come-back, and are once again fairly wide-spread, although not common. This one was at Gaddon Loch.









# Roe deer

Roe deer are common in the area around the lochs, and can sometimes be seen on the reserve. These two were between the railway and Gaddon Loch.





# Wood mouse

Common. The wood mouse below lived less than two metres from a bench at Gaddon Loch, where people feed the birds. After dark, it would find plenty of left-overs. I took this shot of it sitting at its burrow using flash while out mothing. The above mouse was at Birnie Loch.

