



Mammals of the East Neuk of Fife

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I have included just those species that I have photographed in and around the East Neuk. I have taken a generous interpretation of the boundaries of the East Neuk, delineated by the coast from St Andrews Harbour to Leven, and west from St Andrews to Ceres, and south to Leven.

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Badger

Occurs in suitable woodland in the East Neuk. This badger was taking aired bedding back into its sett just after sunset in late April.





Bottle-nosed dolphin

Increasing, and now frequently seen around the coast of the East Neuk.





Brown hare

Widespread in small numbers. The one above was at Balcaskie, while the ones below were at Bankhead Moss.





Grey seal

Common around the coast of the East Neuk. These were at Pittenweem.





Grey squirrel

This was one of two grey squirrels at Bankhead Moss in autumn 2024.





Hedgehog

This hedgehog was by the south car park at Bankhead Moss in mid-May 2025 when I returned to my car after a night mothing session.



Rabbit

Common. For this species, I have stretched the boundaries of the East Neuk even further, and included two photos from the Isle of May!





Red fox

This vixen was at Cameron Reservoir.





Red squirrel

Limited by the lack of suitable habitat in most of the East Neuk. These were at Bank-head Moss.





Roe deer

Common. The above buck and the leaping deer were at Bankhead Moss, while the others were at Kilminning.

