



Bracken Leafhopper

The strange looking Bracken Leafhopper is a very small insect. No more than four millimetres in length, they are still quite easy to find on Bracken leaves during the Summer months.

Leafhoppers are related to Froghoppers, whose young can be found inside what is known as 'Cuckoo spit'.



Tortoise Beetle

These little beetles are common on Thistles during the Spring and Summer, but they are well disguised and can be very hard to spot.

Their bodies cannot be seen from above, and they are well protected from predators. Tortoise Beetles eat the leaves of Thistles and other plants, but are quite small and harmless beetles.



Snake Fly

You will have to be very lucky to find one of these weird flies. Snake Flies spend most of their time in the tops of trees. Despite looking dangerous, they are completely harmless. There are only a few different kinds of Snake Flies in the UK and they can be found in woods, forests and sometimes parks and gardens. The larva lives under bark and eats other insects.



Fungus Weevil

The Fungus Weevil is beautifully marked, but not easy to spot when on branches or bark. They feed on a black fungus known as King Alfred's Cakes, that grows on dead or dying Ash trees, often being found during the day, underneath loose bark or logs.

Fungus Weevils have large jaws, but are completely harmless and will drop to the ground when disturbed.