

Bird life you might see

The plateau ground lies at about 375 metres above sea level and hosts good numbers of breeding Skylark and Meadow pipit. Curlew and Snipe feed here.

The scrub habitat on the bank is important for breeding Linnet, Reed bunting, Stonechat and warblers while others such as Whinchat and Wheatear visit too. So far 200 species of plants, 200 invertebrates and 45 bird species have been identified here.



Meadow pipit



Curlew



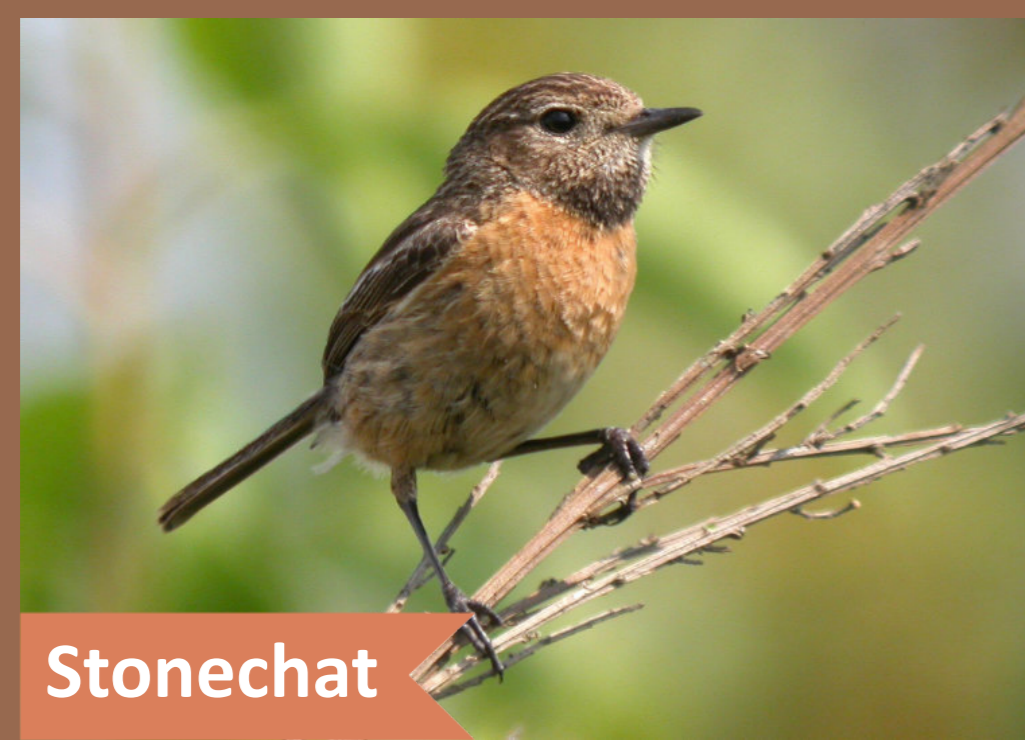
Skylark



Reed bunting



Linnet



Stonechat

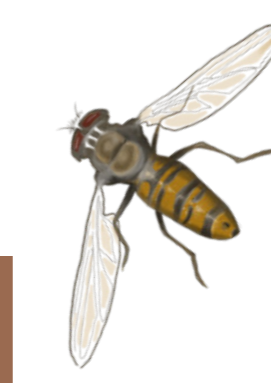


Snipe

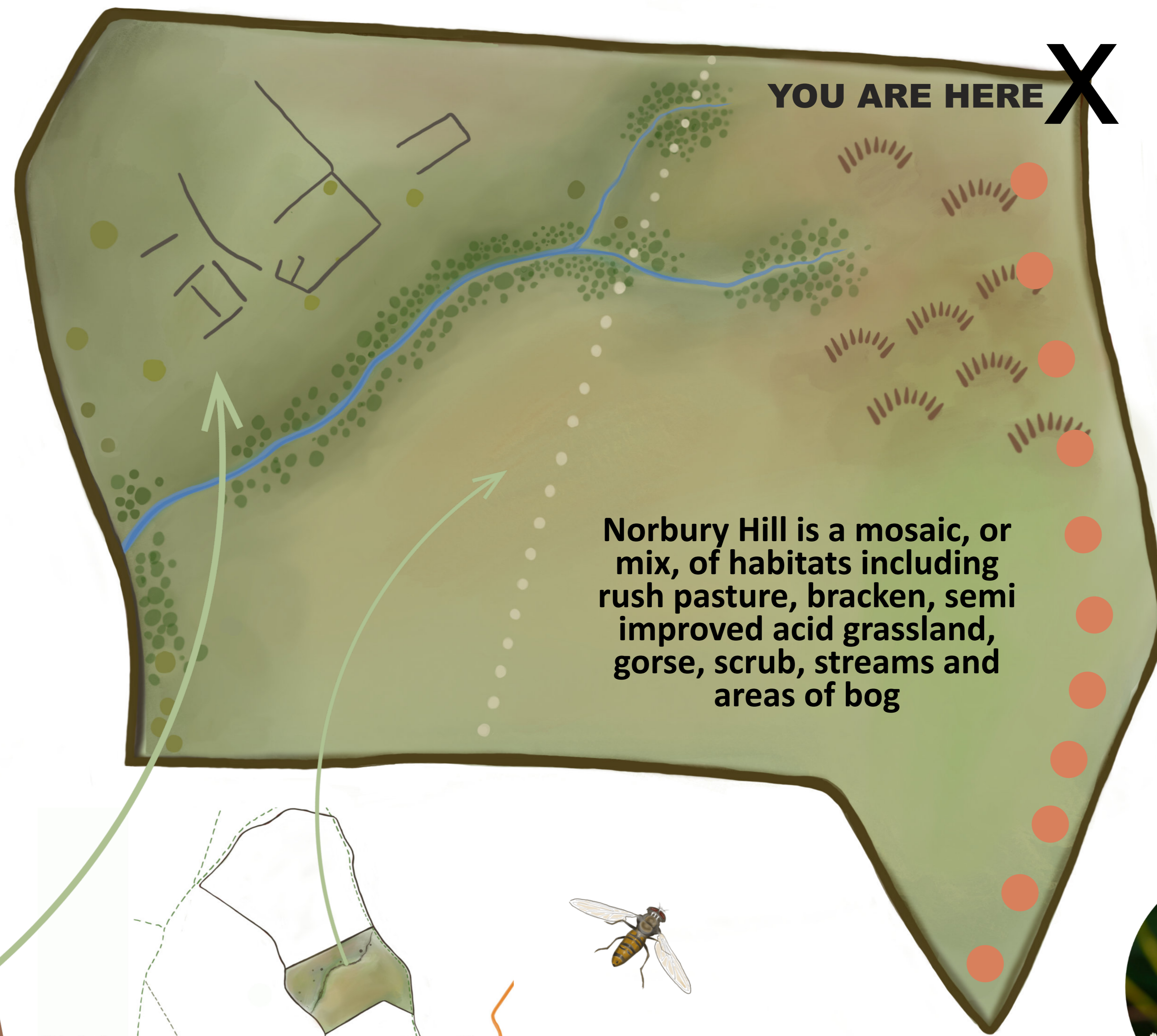
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Norbury Hill



Norbury Hill has been described as 'the largest stepping stone' between two important sites of conservation, the Long Mynd (National Trust) and the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve. The Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT) took ownership of this 47 acre site in 2021 and is managing it sympathetically to enhance biodiversity on site. Norbury Hill is a County Wildlife Site as designated by Shropshire Wildlife Trust.



Norbury Hill is a mosaic, or mix, of habitats including rush pasture, bracken, semi improved acid grassland, gorse, scrub, streams and areas of bog



Ragged Robin



Harebell



Marsh Valerian



Cuckoo flower



Sheepswoort

Bracken management



The dense bracken on the hill has been 'rolled' and beaten over the last two years to try and reduce its vigour so other plants can find the light and thrive.



Butterflies and Violets

The hill is adjacent to a site that hosts the once common, but now endangered Small pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly which favours damp, grassy habitats, bracken and scrub. The caterpillars feed on Marsh violet and Common dog violet, and we hope to encourage this butterfly to breed here with appropriate management



The warren on the hill

A group of earthworks thought to be pillow mounds are visible on site. These groups of long, low earthen banks can be up to 100m long. They were used as artificial rabbit burrows or warrens (called "clappers") in the 18 and 19 centuries so rabbits could be farmed for food. The farmhouse still known as Clapper is nearby.



Please keep dogs on leads from March to July so as not to disturb the ground nesting birds.
Thank you.

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