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Wilder Future



It's not too late to bring our wildlife back

Sadly, since we first met Ratty, Badger and friends in 1908, the UK has become one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. The Wildlife Trusts have now re-imagined the Wind in the Willows, shedding light on some of the problems our wildlife now faces. We've reached a point where our natural world is in critical condition and needs our help to put it into recovery.

It's not too late to bring our wildlife back but we must act now. Join the campaign and receive simple actions you can take for nature's recovery.

Join the Wilder Future campaign [here](#) and play your part in nature's recovery

[Take part in the AWT's wildlife week 2019](#); see, learn, create in Alderney: Wildlife Island

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More about the wildlife in our trailer

Kenneth Grahame wrote *The Wind in the Willows* just over a hundred years ago. Since then, many of the UK's wild places and the plants and animals that depend on them have been lost. For example: 97% of lowland meadows and the beautiful wildflowers, insects, mammals and birds that they supported have disappeared; 80% of our beautiful purple heathlands have vanished – with their blaeberrys, sand lizards and the stunning nocturnal birds, nightjars. Rivers are in deep trouble too: only 20% are considered as healthy and 13% of freshwater and wetland species in Great Britain are threatened with extinction.

Kenneth Grahame's Ratty – the water vole – is the UK's most rapidly declining mammal and has been lost from 94% of places where it was once prevalent, and its range is continuing to contract. Toad is also finding that times are very tough: he has lost nearly 70% of his own kind in the last 30 years alone – and much more than that in the last century.

These losses have led to the UK becoming one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. Over the past ten years there have been numerous reports and studies documenting wildlife declines in the UK. The main problems for wildlife are:

- Habitat loss – mostly caused by intensive farming, inappropriate development and lack of strategic planning, with the few remaining wild places being broken up by roads.
- Climate change – which is making a bad situation worse by causing extreme weather. This disrupts breeding patterns, threatens life cycles and creates food shortages. Wildlife cannot always keep up with changes to the seasons.

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