



The neutral and acidic grasslands constitute the main grassy components of the Warren. Grasses grow more vigorously here. There is a reduction in the species diversity and abundance of herbs in the neutral grassland and this area is characterised by the abundance of Harebell *Campanula rotundifolia*, Lady's Bedstraw *Galium verum*, *Carex praecox* and the moss *Pleurozium schieberi*. Wavy Hair Grass *Deschampsia flexuosa* is dominant over wide areas of acidic grassland and Sand Sedge is abundant here. Sheep's Sorrel *Rumex acetosella*, Shepherd's Cress *Teesdalia nudicaulis*, Field Woodrush *Luzula campestris* and lichens *Cladonia impexa*, *C. arbuscula* and *Cetraria aculeata* are amongst the other species frequently found.

At the north and western edges of the Warren, and at other small localised sites, a mosaic of lichen bryophyte and Agrostis/Fescue grassland is found. The lichen *Cladonia sylvatica* is dominant here and few vascular plants occur although large patches of Heath Bedstraw *Galium saxatile* are typical. Patches of Heather *Calluna vulgaris* dominated vegetation occur around the edge of the Warren particularly prominent at the north-west corner.

Of the 50 species of breeding birds, the most important include Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Nightjar, Curlew, Wheatear, Stonechat, Whinchat and Grasshopper Warbler. Lakenheath Warren is also a regular winter roost for six to eleven Hen Harriers. The rare and notable plant species occurring on the Warren, other than those already mentioned include Field Southernwort *Artemisia campestris*, Perennial Knawel *Schleranthus perennis*, Spring Speedwell *Veronica vernal*, *V. praecox*, *Thymus serpyllum*, Small Medick *Medicago minimal*, fine-leaved Sandwort *Minuartia hybrida*, *Crassula tillaea*, Striated Catchfly *Silene conical*, Suffocated Clover *Trifolium suffocatum*, Sickle Medick *Medicago falcata* and Böhmers Cat's-tail *Phleum phleoides*.