



Coal Tip Detective



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Name: Bilberry Bumblebee (*Bombus monticola*)

Seen: April to September

Identification: Over half of the abdomen orange/red and there are also two lemon yellow bands on the thorax.

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Name: Dingy Skipper (*Erynnis tages*)

Seen: May to June

Identification: A small butterfly with low, darting flight. Grey-brown wings with mottled brown markings and two rows of small white spots.

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Name: Grayling (*Hipparchia semele*)

Seen: June to September

Identification: Mainly dark brown above, with washed-out orange markings. The hindwing has an intricate grey and black pattern.

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Name: Green Tiger Beetle (*Cicindela campestris*)

Seen: April to September

Identification: Large, metallic-green beetle, with purple-bronze legs and eyes, and creamy spots on the wing cases.

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Name: Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)

Seen: Flowers July to September

Identification: Plants have silvery-grey leaves, bearing upright, branching heads of papery button flowers.

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Name: Reindeer Lichens (*Cladonia spp.*)

Seen: All year

Identification: Pale lichens with erect, many-branched stems that grow up to 8 cm high.

Fun fact: These lichens are a primary food source for reindeer and caribou in the Arctic.

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Name: Devil's Matchstick (*Cladonia floerkeana*)

Seen: All year

Identification: Typically 1–2 cm in height, this lichen has thin stems bearing bright red spore producing tips. This gives them the appearance of matches.

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Name: Carline Thistle (*Carlina vulgaris*)

Seen: Flowers July to September, although the dead heads persist for much longer

Identification: Short, spiny plant with a brownish yellow flower–head surrounded by a fringe of golden bracts (leaf-like structures).

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