

Redgrave Parish Herptile Inventory

The following species of herptiles have been identified in the parish of Redgrave:

Scientific Name	Name	Locations	Frequency	SPI Note (1)	Suffolk BAP Species (Note 2)	Notes/Evidence
<i>Anguis fragilis</i>	Slow Worm	Recorded in Redgrave & Lopham Fen	Not uncommon	Yes	Yes	Noted in a Preliminary Ecological Study (Ref: OPC08317) dated 15 Feb 18. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework.
<i>Bufo Bufo</i>	Common Toad	Gardens	Infrequent	Yes	Yes	Found in gardens near compost heaps. Several specimens seen in 2023. Numerous seen crossing the Green in March 2025 and assisted into the nearby pond area by Hannah Broughton. A specimen found in Andy Warnes' garden in Mar 26. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework.
<i>Lissotriton vulgaris</i>	Smooth Newt or Common Newt	Various ponds around the Parish	Common	Not Listed	Not Listed	Specimens seen by Hannah Broughton her pond in 2024. Also spotted and photos noted on the GR Facebook site by Jon Huckle on 20 Mar 25. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

<i>Natrix helvetica</i>	Grass Snake	Recorded in Redgrave & Lopham Fen. Also in grasslands and gardens around the Parish	Not uncommon	Yes	Yes	Seen in at least one garden in 2022. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework.
<i>Rana temporaria</i>	Common Frog	Gardens& ponds	Rare	Not Listed	Not Listed	Adults not seen for some time. Frog spawn seen in the village pond in 2023. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981
<i>Triturus cristatus</i>	Great Crested Newt	Various ponds around the Parish	Infrequent	Yes	Yes	Seen in various pools around the village. Also spotted and photos noted on the GR Facebook site by Jon Huckle in the village pond on 20 Mar 25 after previous recording in Mar 24. Two females and one male GCN were found during an evening torching of the village pond as part of a formal survey by Abrehart Ecology Ltd on 29 Apr 26. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework. Listed as a European Protected Species under Annex IV of the European Habitats Directive.
<i>Vipera berus</i>	Adder	Recorded in Redgrave & Lopham Fen	Not uncommon	Yes	Yes	Noted in a Preliminary Ecological Study (Ref: OPC08317) dated 15 Feb 18. Protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework.

Notes:

(1) SPI = Species of Principal Importance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england>

(2) Suffolk Priority Species at https://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/species?field_category_target_id=149

Additional Information:

<https://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/species/SuffolkHerpsAtlasProv2007.pdf>