



*acuta*, marsh arrowgrass *Triglochin palustris* and great water-dock *Rumex hydrolapathum*. The common frog also breeds in these areas. Old channels crossing the meadow hold tubular water-dropwort *Oenanthe fistulosa*, marsh marigold *Caltha palustris*, marsh foxtail *Alopecurus geniculatus*, early marsh-orchid *Dactylorhiza incarnata* and brown sedge *Carex disticha*.

Typical meadow butterflies such as meadow brown *Maniola jurtina*, common blue *Polyommatus icarus* and small heath *Coenonympha pamphilus* are common, whilst the more local marsh fritillary *Eurodryas aurinia* has been recorded. Bordering hedges support populations of gatekeeper *Pyronia tithonus*, ringlet *Aphantopus hyperantus* and speckled wood *Pararge aegeria*. Altogether 14 species of dragonfly have been recently recorded, mainly at the meadow edge, although several such as brown hawker *Aeshna grandis*, black-tailer skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum* and the ruddy darter *Sympetrum sanguineum* also feed over the meadow.