

DAUBENTON'S BAT



Bats whilst not technically classed as birds but mammals . Make use of the rich fly life found around the river corridors .

PIPISTRELLE BAT



Pipistrelles and Daubenton's are two of the nine species of bat in Ireland, known to frequent the river during the hours of darkness . The Trust have recently been assisting "Bat Conservation Ireland" with a pilot study monitoring the Daubenton's bat population

THE CORMORANT



The Cormorant an increasingly common and controversial visitor to the river due to the damage done to juvenile fish stocks during early spring .

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THE DIPPER



The Dipper can be seen hopping between rocks in the middle of the river , diving below the flowing water to search for insects and invertebrates. The bird has made a recovery on the Six Mile due to a reduction in pollution .

Resident all year , nesting along the river banks , making use of fitted nest boxes below bridges and walls . Breeds March—May laying 2 to 3 white eggs .

COOTS & MOORHENS

The Coot sometimes confused with the Moorhen (Inset) both present on the Six Mile . Resides in small groups on the river margins and can be seen running across pools or flat water on the river .Thought to have had a set back due to several harsh winters and unable to feed due to frozen ground.



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THE KINGFISHER

The jewel of the Six Mile , and the most colourful of our native birds. This missile can be seen as a blue flash as it fly's down the river corridor and is seldom seen sitting still . Kingfishers feed on small fish and like all river birds a good indicator of a healthy river



THE HERON



Statesman like as they remain motionless and await their prey . Herons are opportunists in food choice and have been known to predate on small mammals and birds , however fish makeup the majority of their diet . Herons tend to be territorial ,roosting high in riverside trees and structures and can be quite vocal to wards unwanted visitors