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Brown banded spider bee - *Parabius humilis*

Wolf spider - *Sitticus distinguendus*

STOP THEM STAMPING OUT OUR WILDLIFE!

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Saltmarsh short-spur beetle - *Anisodactylus piceoides*

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Hump-backed red ant - *Mymica bessarabica*

St. aster mining bee - *Colletes halophilus*



Royal Mail is releasing a new set of stamps featuring rare bugs. But today many of our most endangered bugs face destruction – from a ROYAL MAIL DEVELOPMENT!

Your support could help to save:



Brown-banded carder bee
A beautiful bumblebee that has declined massively in the UK and is now in a perilous position.



Saltmarsh short-spur beetle
The habitat of this endangered beetle could be lost to a car park.



Hump-backed red ant
A rare ant that lives on sand dunes and landslips along the Thames estuary.

West Thurrock Marshes is one of the richest and most important wildlife sites in the UK. This oasis on the banks of the river Thames is home to over 1300 species of invertebrate, bird and plant – with more rare and endangered animals than many of our finest nature reserves.



Today West Thurrock Marshes faces destruction from a Royal Mail distribution warehouse and car parks covering an area equivalent to 15 football pitches. Although the development could have been built elsewhere, the wildlife site was considered fair game because it is on 'brownfield' land.

Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust went to the High Court earlier this year to try to save the Marshes. But the Judge ruled that the development was more important than the incredible wildlife. If we don't appeal this decision then not only will the Marshes be lost, but wildlife sites on your doorstep could be threatened too.

Help us to protect our fragile Earth
Buglife is the only organisation in Europe devoted to the conservation of all bugs (invertebrates), and we are passionately committed to saving Britain's rarest little animals, everything from bees to beetles, and jumping spiders to jellyfish! These animals are vitally important to us because they help to pollinate our crops and maintain a healthy environment – without them most life on Earth would be lost.

Today bugs are under threat as never before – thousands of bugs are declining and many are heading towards extinction. But it's not too late to make a difference...

With the help of our members and other supporters, Buglife protects bugs and their habitats, campaigns for bugs and the environment and involves people in conservation action.

Join Buglife and receive...

- Our Action Update 4 times a year
- A free day out with a bug expert
- A set of our popular bug posters and most importantly, the knowledge that you too are helping to conserve some of the UK's most endangered wildlife!



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Distinguished jumping spider
This furry jumping spider is found on only two sites in the UK, both threatened with development.



Fancy-legged fly
This rare fly has legs like spaghetti and lives on bare mud in upper saltmarsh.



Sea aster mining bee
The remaining homes of this endangered mining bee are being lost to new development along the Thames.

We urgently need your help to continue the campaign – please make a donation or join Buglife TODAY

