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I have included just those species that I have photographed  
at Gaddon or Birnie Loch.

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## European beaver

The most famous residents of Birnie Loch! Beavers were recently re-introduced to Tayside, and rapidly spreading out from there. These shots were taken at Birnie Loch in August 2024.





## Grey squirrel

Both grey and red squirrels can sometimes be seen at Gaddon and Birnie Lochs. The above is my only squirrel photo from the lochs.





## Otter

Otters have made a remarkable comeback, and are once again fairly widespread. This one was at Gaddon Loch.







## Roe deer

Roe deer are common in the area around the lochs, and can sometimes be seen on the reserve. These two were between the railway and Gaddon Loch.







## Wood mouse

Common. The wood mouse below lived less than two metres from a bench at Gaddon Loch, where people feed the birds. After dark, it would find plenty of left-overs. Using flash, I took this shot of it sitting at its burrow, while I was out mothing. The above mouse was at Birnie Loch.

