

Seeking out nature: my observations



Plants and trees

Look for interesting leaves, buds or flowers – sketch your favourite to identify later.

Birds

Make a note of their colour, size and behaviour to help with identification. Use your ears too!

Insects

Look for bees, butterflies, ladybirds or other bugs. Sketch one here.

Arachnids

That means spiders! Look for webs where spiders might catch insects.

Molluscs

Look for slugs and snails hiding in dark, damp corners – or on the move after rain.

Fungi

Mushrooms and toadstools often grow in woods, and even on trees.

Mammals

Do you have foxes, rabbits, badgers, deer, squirrels, mice or bats in your patch? Look for evidence.

Amphibians and Reptiles

You might find frogs, toads and newts near ponds. Snakes are very rare in the UK, but you might find a slowworm.

Fish

If you have a stream, river or lake near you, see what's swimming in it.