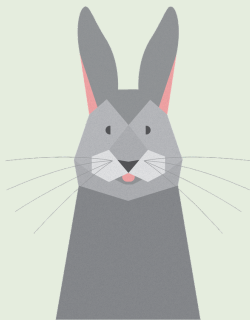


Wildlife on your doorstep

**Lots of wild activities
about wildlife that lives
on your doorstep!**

National curriculum links to
English, Science and Geography



Please note this booklet contains activities
for a mix of ages and primary school years

British Wildlife is awesome!

- Britain is home to a wide variety of plants and animals with some new species still being discovered.
- Bees are very important pollinators, without them we wouldn't have a lot of the food we eat. There are over 270 species of them in the UK.
- Adders are our only venomous snake, although their bite is rarely fatal for humans and they would much rather slither away.
- Male Badgers are called boars, females sows and their young cubs.
- Scotland is the most wooded part of Britain with woodland covering 18% of the land.
- Barn Owls screech, they don't hoot that is only Tawny Owls.
- Lots of animals you see in this country are not originally from here such as Rabbits, Grey squirrels, Muntjac deer, Mink, Harlequin ladybirds and Edible dormice.

Activity: Look up these animals and see where they came from and why they live here now.

- The Ghost Orchid is the UK's rarest plant, it was thought to be extinct for 23 years and was spotted again in 2009.
- Our wildlife is declining and needs your help!

Wild Wordsearch

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Bumblebee

Puffin

Orchid

Alder

Barn owl

Badger

Raven

Red Squirrel

Mole

Fox

Oak



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Collective Nouns

Groups of animals have special names depending on the species.

Fill in the table below with the collective noun for each animal.

Why not guess and then look them up.

(Check your answers at the back.)

Owls

Badgers

Crows

Foxes

Fish

Hedgehogs

Otters

Swans

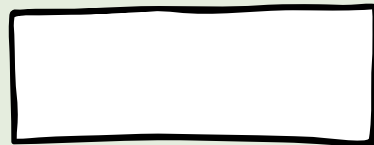
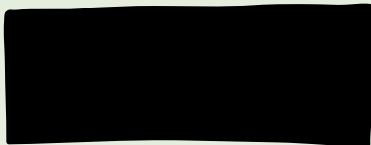
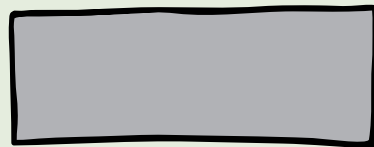
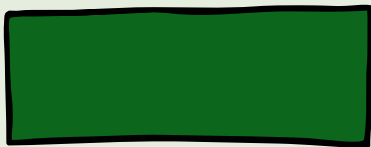
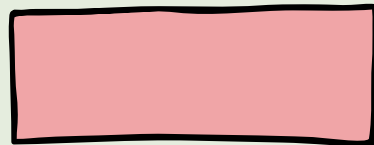
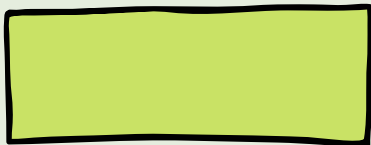
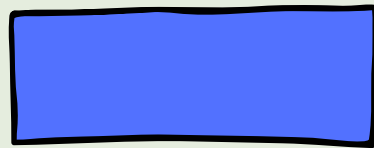
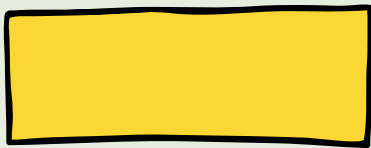
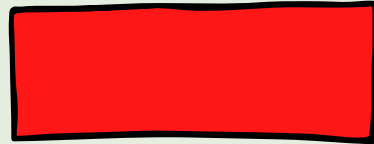
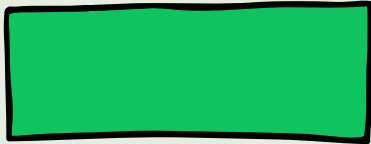
Frogs



Colours in nature

Take this sheet out and try to match the colours as close as you can to colours you find in nature.

You can do this in your garden or on a walk.



Did you manage to find them all?
We would love to see you doing some of our activities. Why not show us on our social media.
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Habitats

The animals below have no habitat! Can you draw them and a habitat for them?
Think about where they might like to live in the wild.

Hedgehog



Mole

Frog

Kingfisher

Fact files

Research the British wildlife below and fill in the gaps.

Badgers live _____

they eat _____

they are most active _____. A male badger is

called a _____, a female a _____ and a baby _____.

Pine Martens live _____

they eat _____

they are most active _____

they are related to _____.

Peregrine Falcons live _____

they eat _____

they can travel up to _____ mph. Their nests are called

_____, their chicks are called _____.

Millipedes live

they eat

they have between _____ and _____ legs.

When they feel threatened they _____.

Smooth Newts live

they eat

In the winter they _____. Their predators are

Adders live

they eat

they hibernate from _____ to _____

Adders are the only _____ snake in the UK.

Wrens live

they eat

they make their nests from

the colour of their eggs are

Animagrams

Unscramble the words below to find 12 British mammal, bird, reptile, or insect species. (Check your answers at the back)

Torte

Goghheed

Asker snags

Soulwooded

Deceitpen

Demosour

Baldbrick

Elkrest

Nowt waly

Reqd surlier

Garbed

Finksgehri

After, why not sort them
into these groups:
mammals, reptiles, birds
and insects



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Things you can do to help wildlife on your doorstep.

Make a bird feeder

Build a bug hotel with things round the garden

Plant pollinator friendly plants

Do a bug hunt and record your findings

Make a mini wildlife pond

Build a bird box

Leave a wild patch in the grass

Make a wormery or compost heap

Make a butterfly feeder

Make a logpile

Use the website below to help you with these activities and more.

Answers and extra activities.

Collective nouns

Owls- Parliament, **Badgers**-Cete, Colony, **Crows**- Murder, **Foxes**-Leash, Skulk, Earth, Lead, Troop, **Fish**- School, Shoal, **Hedgehog**- Array, Prickle, **Otters**- Romp, Lodge, Bevy, Family, **Swans**- bevy or wedge, **Frog**- Army, Colony, Knot

Animagrams

Torte- Otter, **Baldbrick**-Blackbird, **Gogheed**-Hedgehog, **Elkrest**-Kestrel, **Asker snag**- Grass snake, **Nowt waly**- Tawny Owl, **Soulwood**-Woodlouse, **Reqd surlier**- Red Squirrel, **Deceitpen**-Centipede, **Garbed**-Badger, **Demosour**-Dormouse, **Finksgehri**-Kingfisher.

Extra activity ideas

- Use the **wildlife watch website** to help you with some of the activities above and to download **wildlife spotter sheets** for when you go on a walk. www.wildlifewatch.org.uk
- Help wildlife and do a **citizen science project** through: www.opalexplorenature.org/surveys
- **Make** a hedgehog house, bat box, owl box, toad abode for your garden.
- When on your walk look out for any **animal footprints**, take a picture and try to ID it at home.
- **Make wildflower seed bombs**: mix together 1 cup of seeds with 5 cups of compost and 1 handful of clay soil. Slowly mix in water with your hands until everything sticks together. Roll the mixture into firm balls. Throw them in the garden then leave the balls to dry in a sunny spots to grow.
- Do a **sensory scavenger hunt**, think of 5-10 touchy feely words like smooth, rough etc and see if you can find things in nature that matches that word when you touch it.
 - Make **sound postcards**, Sit in your garden or in a local nature space close your eyes and listen to what you hear. Then draw a sound postcard of all the things you heard on a small piece of paper or card.
 - Do some plant ID and make some **foraged food** such as nettle crisps, wild garlic bread, Elderflower cordial or dandelion fritters. (Check you are sure what you are picking and read the foraging guidelines first.)

We hope you have
enjoyed these activities.
Keep an eye on social media
and our website for the
next one!