

Nature Scavenger Hunt



1. Bumblebee

Bumble bees play a very important role in our ecosystem. They are important pollinators for both human crops and many different types of wildflowers.



2. Ladybird

Ladybirds are a gardens best friend because they eat garden pests such as aphids (also known as greenfly) that can harm plants.



3. Butterfly

A garden that attracts butterflies will also bring native bees and birds. They play a role in increasing biodiversity – the variety of plants, animals and micro-organisms and their ecosystems.



4. Frog

Frogs are great pest controllers: they eat slugs, snails, beetles & flies in gardens and crop fields. Some people call this an “ecosystem service” which just means a free benefit to humans from nature.



5. Worm

Earthworms burrow under the ground making tunnels that help to move the soil around. They help to break down dead plants and flowers and distribute the nutrients.



6. Hedgehog

A thriving hedgehog population indicates a plentiful supply of invertebrates, good diversity of habitat and connectivity of the natural environment.



7. Snails

Slugs and snails are very important. They provide food for all sorts of mammals, birds, earthworms and insects and they are part of the natural balance. Upset that balance by removing them and we can do a lot of harm. Thrushes in particular thrive on them!



Using your nature detective skills, see if you can find these creatures in your garden or local park. Tick the boxes as you find each creature.