

Nature Detectives



You will need

- Pen or Pencil
- Binoculars & Magnifying Glasses (optional)

Before you begin

This activity can be completed over a series of walks.

Have a go

1. Head out to local wildlife spaces where you might see animals, insects, fish or birds.
2. Working as a team with your family see how many things on the three lists you can tick off.

Seaside Detective Seagulls, Shells & Crabs

I fly around making a lot of noise and eat most things, but fish are my favourite.



I cling to rocks and like to submerge in water. I scrape the rocks for weed and algae to eat.

There are many types of crab. You'll see us walking sideways and using our claws to catch other shellfish to eat.



Countryside Detective Bats, Snails & Butterflies



I come out at dusk and fly around searching for flying insects. There are lots of different types of bats in the UK. I nest in trees.

There are lots of different types of snails but you'll find us all under leaves or in cool, dark places. We nibble green leaves and leave a silvery trail so you'll see where we've been.



There are many types of butterflies in the Norfolk countryside. We love the sun and roam from flower to flower, sucking nectar with our tongues.

Urban Detective Bees, Squirrels and Sparrows

There many different types of bees but we almost all have stripy bodies and we fly from flower to flower, collecting pollen.



I make a nest in trees called a drey. I gather nuts, acorns and roots and sometimes bury them. You can hear me chattering in the trees.

I live almost everywhere, particularly places close to humans. I eat anything in your bird feeder as well as weeds and insects.



Additional Information

Hedgehogs are often found in town gardens – do you have a hedgehog that visits you, if so how often?



Reflection

This activity is great to explore an area that is new to you. Everyone should chat about what they saw:

- What were the highlights?
- Why is it important to care for wildlife habitats?
- What can you do to help wildlife thrive near you?

Safety

Always check the weather forecast before you set out. Make sure you do not touch any live animals, insects or fish or harm the environment in any way. Make sure your parents or carers know where you are or better still, share this adventure with them.

All Activities are taken from the Scout Association's Great IN Doors programme.