

LEAF Reading List

How to use this list

This list contains a selection of fiction and non-fiction texts that relate to the natural world and forest-based ecosystems. Further recommendations and resources can be found on [Scottish Book Trust's website](#). Texts are listed by language and reading age (for guidance only).

To go further with this reading list, allow pupils to ask questions when reading / listening to the texts, and hold a discussion afterwards. The following questions could be used as starting points for discussion:

- Did you enjoy the text? What did you enjoy / not enjoy about it?
- Did you learn anything new from the text?
- Are there any new words in the text that you didn't know before? What do they mean?
- Which animals and plants appeared in the text? What did you learn about them?
- Do you think we need to protect the animals and plants mentioned in the text?
- Would you like to visit any of the places / natural environments mentioned in the text? Why do you want to visit them?
- Fiction
 - Who were the main characters in the story?
 - What happened in the story?
- Non-fiction
 - What were the main points from the text?
 - What in the text was fact and what was opinion? How can you tell which is which?

Curricular links

Early Level

LIT 0-01a-c, 0-04a, 0-07a, 0-11a-b, 0-13-14a, 0-16a, 0-19a / ENG 0-12a, 0-17a

LGL 0-01a, 0-05a, 0-07-08a, 0-11-13a / GAI 0-12a, 0-17a

First Level

LIT 1-01a, 1-04a, 1-07a, 1-11a, 1-13a-14a, 1-16a / ENG 1-12a, 1-17a, 1-19a

LGL 1-01a, 1-05a, 1-07a-11a / GAI 1-12a, 1-17a, 1-19a

Second Level

LIT 2-01a, 2-04a, 2-07a, 2-11a, 2-13a-14a, 2-16a / ENG 2-12a, 2-17a, 2-19a

LGL 2-01a, 2-07a-10a, 2-11a-c / GAI 2-12a, 2-17a, 2-19a

Third Level

LIT 3-01a, 3-04a, 3-07a, 3-11a, 3-13a-14a, 3-16a / ENG 3-12a, 3-17a, 3-19a

LGL 3-01a, 3-07a-10a, 3-11a-b / GAI 3-12a, 3-17a, 3-19a

Forth Level

LIT 4-01a, 4-04a, 4-07a, 4-11a, 4-13a-14a, 4-16a / ENG 4-12a, 4-17a, 4-19a,

LGL 4-01a, 4-07a-11a / GAI 4-12a, 4-17a, 4-19a

English language texts

Nursery

Hike by Pete Oswald

Home of the Wild by Louise Greig and Júlia Moscardó

How many Trees by Barroux

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

My Friend Earth by Patricia MacLachlan and Francesca Sanna

Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah and Nila Aye

Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson

The Last Wolf by Mini Grey – Visit our [Live Lesson Page](#) to watch the story being read aloud and learn more about helping protect forests and fighting climate change.

The Variety of Life by Nicola Davies

Tidy by Emily Gravett

What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet by Jess French

Lower primary

Catch The Sky by Robert Heldbreder and Emily Dove

Dancing with Trees: Eco-Tales from the British Isles by Allison Galbraith and Alette J. Willis

Forest Folk Tales for Children by Tom Phillips

Leif and the Fall by Allison Sweet Grant and Adam Grant

Let's Save Our Planet: Forests by Jess French and Alexander Mostov

Nature and Me by The School of Life

One World: 24 Hours on Planet Earth by Nicola Davies

Slow Down: Bring Calm to a Busy World with 50 Nature Stories by Rachel Williams and Freya Hartas

The Last Wolf by Mini Grey – Visit our [Live Lesson Page](#) to watch the story being read aloud and learn more about helping protect forests and fighting climate change.

The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane

The Promise by Nicola Davies (also available as a [short film](#))

The Willow Wildthing series by Gill Lewis

Where My Wellies Take Me by Michael Morpurgo, Clare Morpurgo and Olivia Lomenech Gill

Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature by Dara McAnulty and Barry Falls

Upper primary

Can You Hear The Trees Talking?: Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest by Peter Wohlleben

Catch The Sky by Robert Heldbreder and Emily Dove

Crow Wars by Gill Lewis – part of the Astro range of books from Rising Stars Reading Planet, ideal for struggling and reluctant readers.

Other Gill Lewis books including: Song of the River, Run Wild, Eagle Warrior, Swan Song and Sky Dancer

Dancing with Trees: Eco-Tales from the British Isles by Allison Galbraith and Alette J. Willis

Forest Folk Tales for Children by Tom Phillips

Let's Save Our Planet: Forests by Jess French and Alexander Mostov

Nature and Me by The School of Life

Slow Down: Bring Calm to a Busy World with 50 Nature Stories by Rachel Williams and Freya Hartas

The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien

The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

We have a Dream by Mya-Rose Craig

Wild Child: A Journey Through Nature by Dara McAnulty and Barry Falls

High school

Birdgirl by Mya-Rose Craig

Dancing with Trees: Eco-Tales from the British Isles by Allison Galbraith and Alette J. Willis

Diary of a Young Naturalist by Dara McAnulty

I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast by Michael Holland and Philip Giordano

Run Wild by Gill Lewis

Other Gill Lewis books including: Song of the River, Eagle Warrior, Swan Song and Sky Dancer

The Great British Tree Biography: 50 legendary trees and the tales behind them by Mark Hooper

The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R Tolkien

The man who planted trees by Jean Giono (also available as a [film](#))

The Rise of Wolves by Kerr Thomson

The Summer We Turned Green by William Sutcliffe

When Shadows Fall by Sita Brahmachari

Woodland Folk Tales of Britain and Ireland by Lista Schneidau



Your charity for Scotland's environment



Gaelic texts

Nursery

Am Madadh-allaidh mu Dheireadh le Mini Grey

An Gruffalo le Julia Donaldson

Cia Mheud Craobh? le Barroux

Dathan – Saoghal Mìorbhaileach le Tim Hopgood

Seall agus Inns: Dè Chì Thu Anns a' Bhaile le Sebastien Braun

Tè Bheag a' Ghruffalo le Julia Donaldson

Lower primary

Am Madadh-allaidh mu Dheireadh le Mini Grey

An Cruinniche Meanbh-bhiastagan le Alex G Griffiths

Lachaidh agus an Oidhche Iargalta le Bridget Bhreathnach

Mo Chiad Leabhar Bheathaichean Coille dealbhan le Zoe Ingram

Mo Chiad Leabhar Eun dealbhan le Zoe Ingram

Seall agus Inns: Dè Chì Thu Anns a' Bhaile le Sebastien Braun

Sgeulachd an Dà Bhèist le Fiona Robertson

Upper primary

An t-Ubhal Seunta le Mary Beith

Balach na Bonaid (Book & CD) le James Robertson

Gu h-Àrd agus Gu h-Ìosal le Hanako Clulow

Lachaidh agus an Oidhche Iargalta le Bridget Bhreathnach

High School

Craobhan le C.M. & L. Storey & C. Dillon

Fluraichean le NicIleathain, M & Dillon, C

Into the Fairy Hill le Michael Newton (English language book with original Scottish Gaelic texts provided in an appendix)

Literature of the Gaelic Landscape – Song, Poem and Tale le John Murray (English language book containing lots of information on Gaelic literature and culture and how these fit into the Scottish landscape)

Reading the Gaelic Landscape le John Murray (English language book containing lots of information on Gaelic naming of the Scottish landscape and ecology)

Saoghal Eile le Mairi E. MacLeod