

Wildlife Watch Activity – Part 1



According to the [RSPB's 2019 State of Nature Report](#), 15% of the 8,431 species assessed are now at risk of extinction. This includes kittiwakes, Arctic skuas and Scottish wildcats. However, it's not all bad news, tens of thousands of volunteers collected the data for the report, simply due to a love of nature. Thanks to them, it was made possible – but it's clear there's still much to do.

You'll need:

- Survey sheets - print ours or make your own
- Pen or pencil
- A camera or mobile phone

Optional:

- Colouring pencils, pens or paints.

It is our responsibility to monitor and care for the environment we live in, because it is not only our home. It is home to hundreds, sometimes thousands of other species who often need our help to make sure they can live happily. One of the easiest ways we can all help is by simply looking out for and identifying different types of wildlife around where we live. So that is what we're going to do!



Mild: Your task is to submit a picture of an animal you have seen in your garden or on your daily walk. Keep an eye out for every kind of animal, birds, minibeasts, mammals etc. anything that you like the look of and maybe want to learn a bit more about. Take a picture of it so you can draw it when you get home.



Medium: Your task is to submit a detailed picture of an animal you have seen in your garden or on your daily walk. Annotate your drawing to highlight the main areas of the animal. Keep an eye out for every kind of animal, birds, minibeasts, mammals etc. anything that you like the look of and maybe want to learn a bit more about. Take a picture of it so you can draw it when you get home.



Spicy: Your task is to submit a detailed picture of an animal you have seen in your garden or on your daily walk. Annotate your drawing to highlight the main areas of the animal. Include a brief paragraph about the habitat of the animal you have chosen – where do they like live, what do they eat, how can we help them more etc. Keep an eye out for every kind of animal, birds, minibeasts, mammals etc. anything that you like the look of and maybe want to learn a bit more about. Take a picture of it so you can draw it when you get home.



Extension: Try to write a short poem about the animal you have chosen. It could be from the perspective of the animal, or from your perspective – whatever you can think of, let your imagination run wild 😊

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Wildlife Watch Survey Sheet

Use this survey sheet to keep track of the wildlife you spot in your garden or near your home. Are there any animals you would like to learn more about?

Animal	Tally marks	Total