

JUNE

Minibeast detective



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Credits: Roese's bush-cricket (c) Bruce Shortland / Harvestman (c) Richard Bowler / Rough woodlouse (c) north-east-wildlife.co.uk / lacewing (c) Rachel Scores / Silver ground carpet moth (c) Amy Lewis / Nettle weevil (c) Rachel Scores / Millipede (c) Malcolm Storey / Bluebottle (c) Bob Coyle / Ash grey slug (c) Phila Precey / White-tailed nuthatch (c) Penny Trith

THINGS TO DO IN JUNE

- Look for dragonflies, ducklings and lizards
- Learn about reptiles and how they are different to amphibians
- Visit a meadow and look for invertebrates (minibeasts)
- Learn how to identify trees by their leaves
- Investigate a tree in or near your school

RESOURCES

1. Dragonfly & damselfly spotter sheet
https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_dragonfly_and_damselfly_spotter_sheet.pdf
2. Meadow explorer sheets
[https://record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Meadow%20explorer\[03072020\].pdf](https://record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Meadow%20explorer[03072020].pdf)
3. Crawling bugs key
[https://www.record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Crawling%20bugs%20key\[23042020\].pdf](https://www.record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Crawling%20bugs%20key[23042020].pdf)
4. Flying bugs key
[https://www.record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Flying%20bugs%20key\[23042020\].pdf](https://www.record-lrc.co.uk/Downloads/Flying%20bugs%20key[23042020].pdf)
5. Ladybird spotter sheet
https://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_ladybird_spotter_sheet.pdf
6. Spot minibeasts (2 sheets)
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/activities-pdfs/spot-it-minibeasts-1.pdf>
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/activities-pdfs/spot-it-minibeasts-2.pdf>

My street tree



Have you ever stopped to have a good look at your nearest garden or street trees? What sort are they? How old? Are they important for wildlife? Do birds roost or nest in them?

You will need:

- Sheet of blank paper and clipboard
- Extra paper and crayons
- Magnifying glass or bug pot
- Minibeast ID chart or book
- Tape measure (optional)
- Leaf spotting sheet or other tree ID chart



- 1 Draw your tree in the middle of your paper. Use a leaf spotting sheet to help identify it.
- 2 Stick a fallen leaf on the paper, or do a rubbing using paper and crayons.
- 3 Use a magnifying glass, pot or pooter to check out the minibeasts living on your tree.

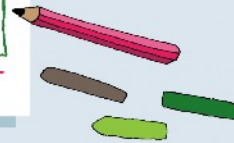
DATE: 14 July 2014

MY TREE: Oak
LOCATION: outside my house
HEIGHT: half the height of house

MINIBEASTS:
1 green caterpillar
2 woodlice
2 harvestmen
lots of aphids
2 spiders

VERDICT: I think my tree is healthy

- 4 How thick is its trunk? Can you measure it at chest height with a tape measure? Can you hug it?
- 5 Does your tree have plenty of healthy leaves and soil around its trunk?
- 6 What other wildlife is living in the tree? Put all your findings on your tree drawing.



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