

Explore Lochshore!

Bug Hunting

You will need...

- A bug pot (or small plastic container)
- A spoon
- An insect Identification Guide

Optional...

- A magnifying glass
- Some white fabric (like a tea towel or pillowcase)



Step 1: Look around you and have a think about where the bugs and beasties might be hiding... in long grass, under stones and logs, in trees and bushes?

Step 2: In long grass - have a look at the top of the grass and carefully follow it all the way down to the ground looking for bugs and beasties as you go. Carefully put anything you find into your bug pot for a closer look.

Step 3: Under sticks and stones - carefully pick up a piece of wood or a stone and see if anything is hiding underneath. Remember to gently place sticks and stones back down where you found them.

Step 4: In trees and bushes - spread out your piece of white fabric under a branch and shake the branch gently. See what falls out onto your fabric and put them in your pot to get a closer look

Step 5: Using the invertebrate identification guide try and work out what bugs and beasties you have found! Record what you have found on the recording sheet

Top Tip...

Use a plastic spoon to pick up the beasties for a closer look. If you use your fingers you might accidentally squish their delicate legs and wings!



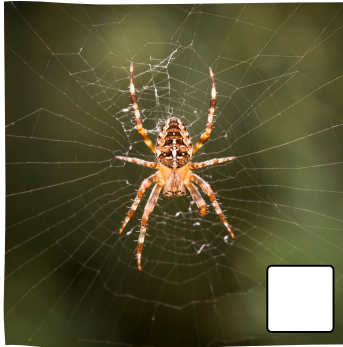
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Bug Hunting - Recording Sheet

How many of these bugs and beasties can you find?



Spider



Earthworm



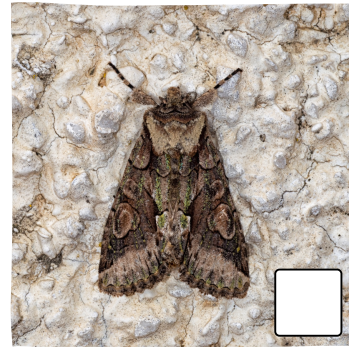
Woodlouse



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Earwig



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