

# Autumn leaf spotting



How many of these different shaped leaves can you find?  
You might need to look up on the trees and down on the ground!  
✓ Tick the boxes when you find them.



**Oak**



**Sycamore**



**Ash**



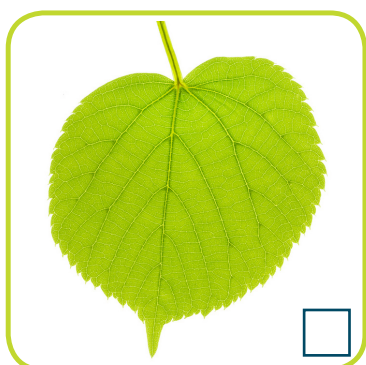
**Holly**



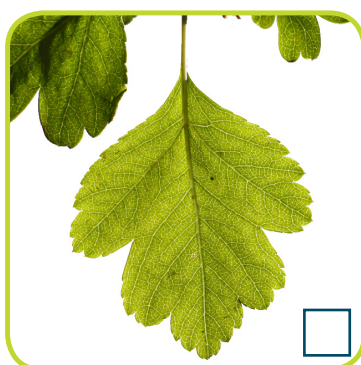
**Beech**



**Horse chestnut**



**Lime**



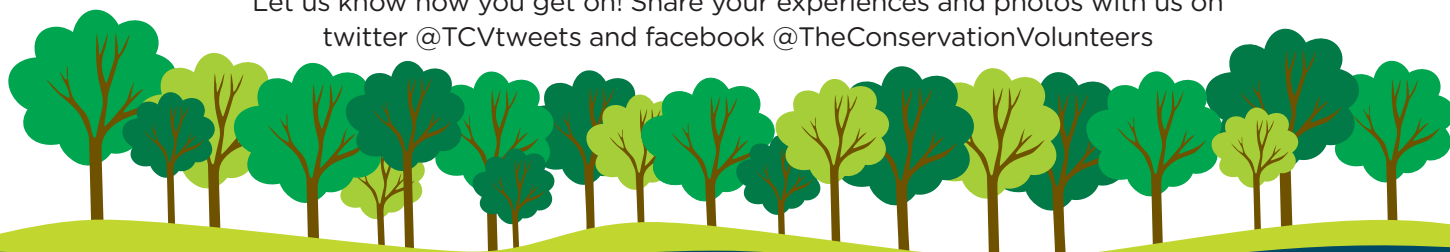
**Hawthorn**



**Hazel**



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# What's that bird?

Which of these birds can you spot when you're outside?



Time of the year: any time

Useful equipment: binoculars

✓ Tick the box when you see one of them



**Blue tit**



**Wood pigeon**



**House sparrow**



**Magpie**



**Blackbird**



**Great tit**



**Robin**



**Long tailed tit**



**Goldfinch**

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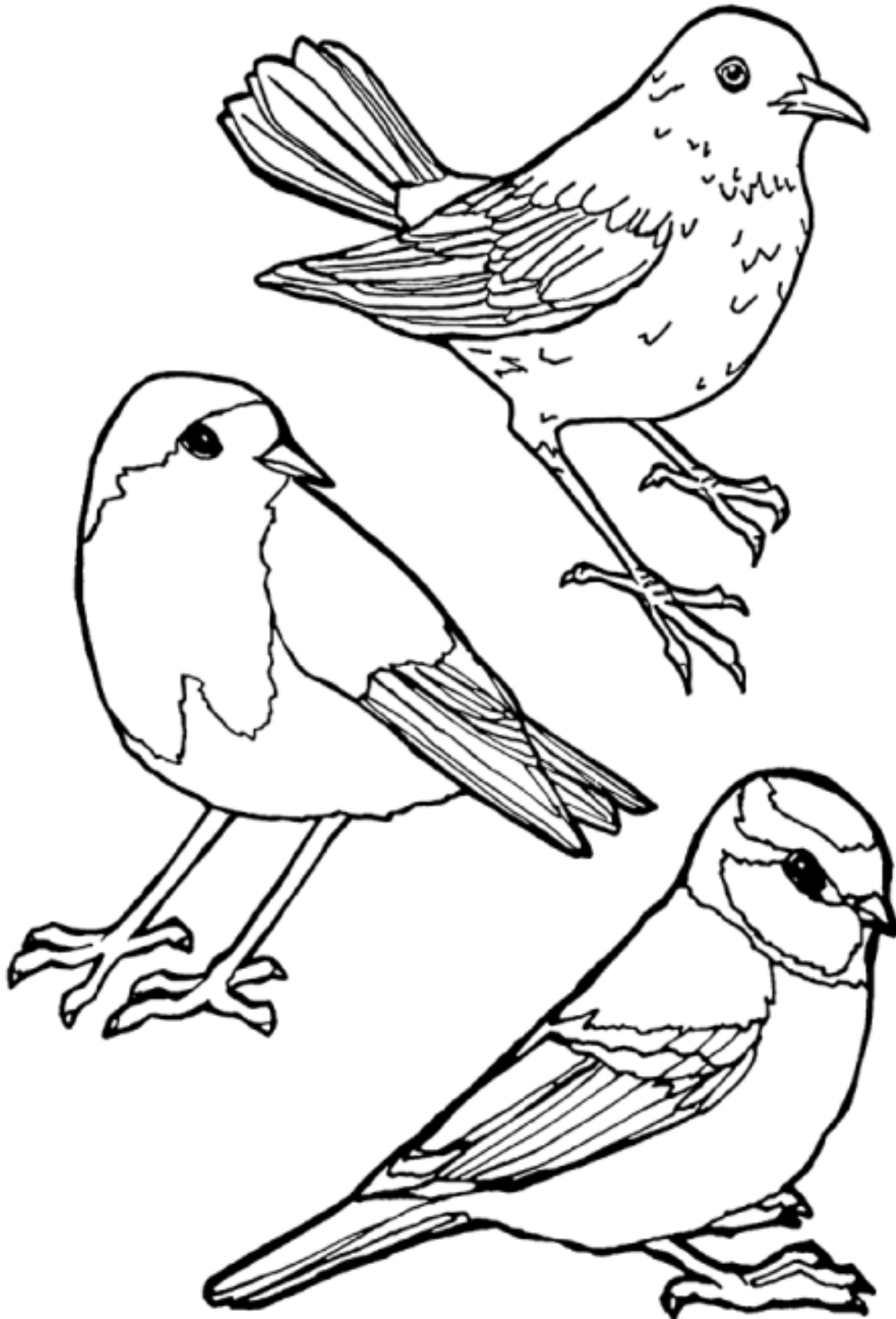






# Colouring in birds

Have fun colouring in these three birds.



# 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 beasts 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 beasts as you go. Carefully put anything you find into your bug pot for a closer look.

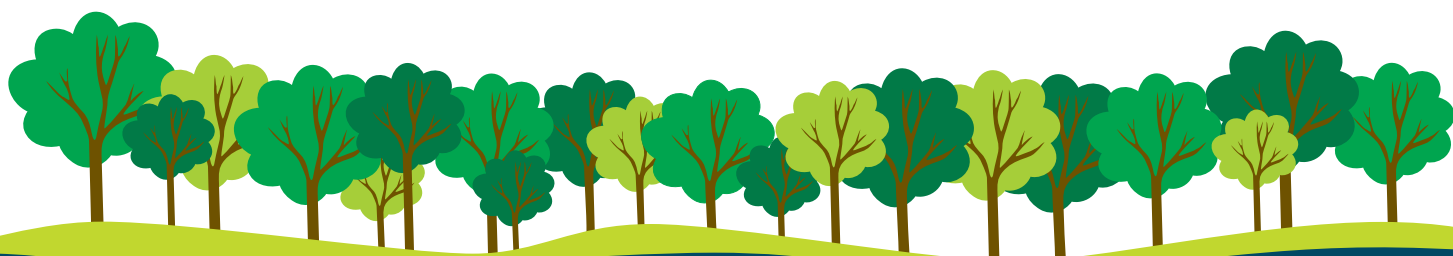
**Step 3:** Under sticks and stones – carefully pick up a piece of wood or a stone and see if anything is hiding underneath. Remember to gently place sticks and stones back down where you found them.

**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 beasts you have found! Record what you have found on the recording sheet

### Top Tip

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



# Bug hunt recording sheet

Take a look down on the ground and see how many of these you can find.



✓ Tick the boxes when you find one of them



**Spider**



**Earthworm**



**Woodlouse**



**Snail**



**Earwig**



**Moth**



**Millipede**

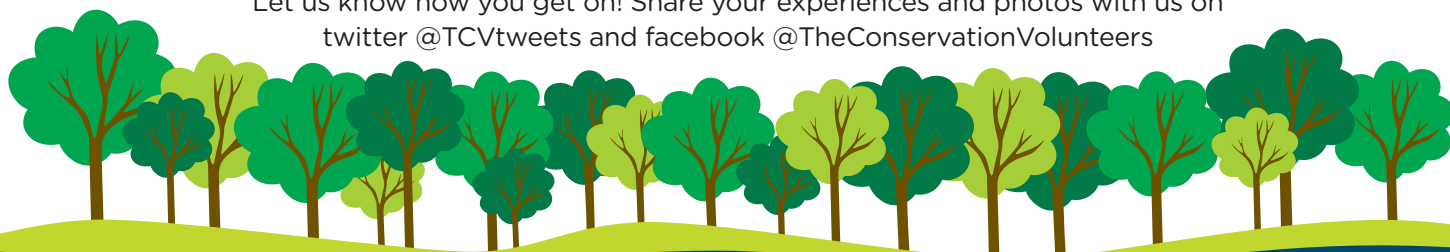


**Beetle**



**Centipede**

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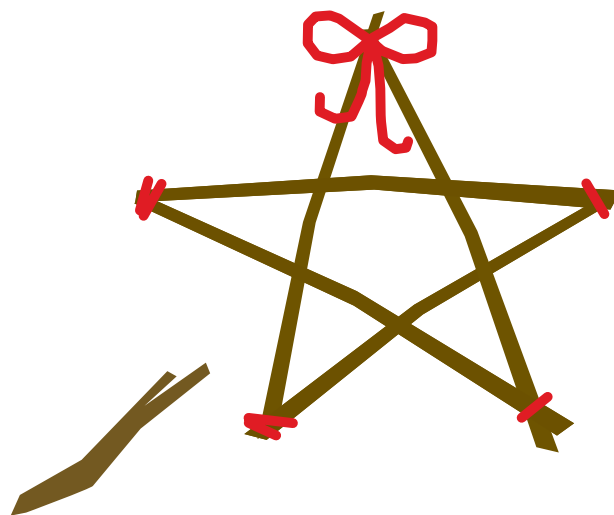
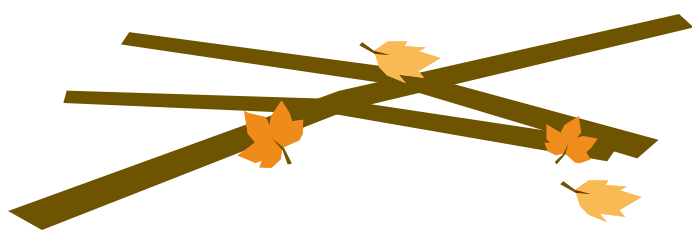


# Make a Christmas star



## You will need:

- 5 sticks of the same length
- String or ribbon



**Step 1:** Go out for a walk and collect five straight sticks – they should all be about the same length.

**Step 2:** Leave the sticks to dry near a radiator.

**Step 3:** Cut five lengths of ribbon or string about 10cm long.

**Step 4:** Arrange the sticks into a star shape and tie a piece of string/ribbon around each point of the star where two sticks meet. Either trim the ends of the ribbon short or leave as a bow. You might need to ask someone to help hold the sticks while you tie the bows.

### Top Tip

Collect different length sticks to make different sized stars. Hang a large star on your front door like a wreath or hang a small star on your Christmas tree!

**Step 5:** Cut a longer length of string or ribbon and tie to one point of the star to hang it up.

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