

Insects, birds and other animals like to live in places like meadows, woodland and underground. Animals also look out for things provided by people.

Can you spot things that help animals?

Can you spot any bird or squirrel nests in the trees or on the buildings along your route?



*Peanut feeder for birds*

Can you see any boxes that have been provided for birds or other animals?

Can you see any ponds or water features that may be useful for animals to drink or feed from?

Has any special food been left outside for birds and other animals to eat?

Talk about what you see with your walking partners.



*Housemartins under a roof*

Do you do anything at home to help wildlife?



*Fox drinking from a pond*

Wildlife can take advantage of features grown or created by people – climbing plants, shrubs with berries, gaps under roofs, compost heaps, nest boxes and garden ponds. These provide extra feeding opportunities or extra cover to shelter from the weather.

Along your route, can you spot areas that provide something extra for wildlife?



*Box made as a home for birds*

If you were a hedgehog, bat or dragonfly, which part of your route would you choose to live in? Why?

Can you think of ways in which part of your route might be made better for birds?

Discuss your thoughts with your walking companions.

*Hedgehog in a compost heap*