

Wildlife Watchers

What do we need to bring?

- Clipboards
- Paper
- Pencils

Activity

- Use your observation skills to do a survey of the wildlife at RHS Garden Bridgewater.
- Walk around the garden or sit by a birdfeeder and do a count of the number of birds you see. Before your visit do some research on the RSPB website where you can find out about different birds, listen to bird song and download a bird spotting sheet to help you identify birds during your visit.
- Find the wet areas of the garden and see if you can spot any amphibians like newts, frogs or toads. Close by to the Woodland Play Area is a boggy planting zone with ponds and wetland. Look closely. Can you spot any frogspawn?
- In the spring and summer months RHS Garden Bridgewater is full of beautiful flowers. In pairs set yourself up near some flowers and do a count of the number of pollinators that visit it. What different types of pollinators can you spot?

Where can we do it?

Anywhere in the garden

What is the best time of year?

- You are more likely to see amphibians in spring when they are breeding.
- You will see more pollinators in the garden in late spring and summer.
- You will see birds all year round in the garden but they are likely to be more active in spring and early summer.



Follow up activity

Use the information you have gathered to create a Bridgewater Wildlife Guide.

Turn your wildlife counts into graphs and charts. Compare your data with another group.