



MAKE YOUR
GARDEN
WILDLIFE
FRIENDLY!
ACTIVITY
PACK

Animals, birds and insects all need us to help them survive.

If you have a garden, there are some simple steps that you and your family can take to make your home wildlife friendly.

You could plant flowers and shrubs that are rich in the pollen and nectar that many insects need, provide food and water or even create special homes for birds, bats and bugs.

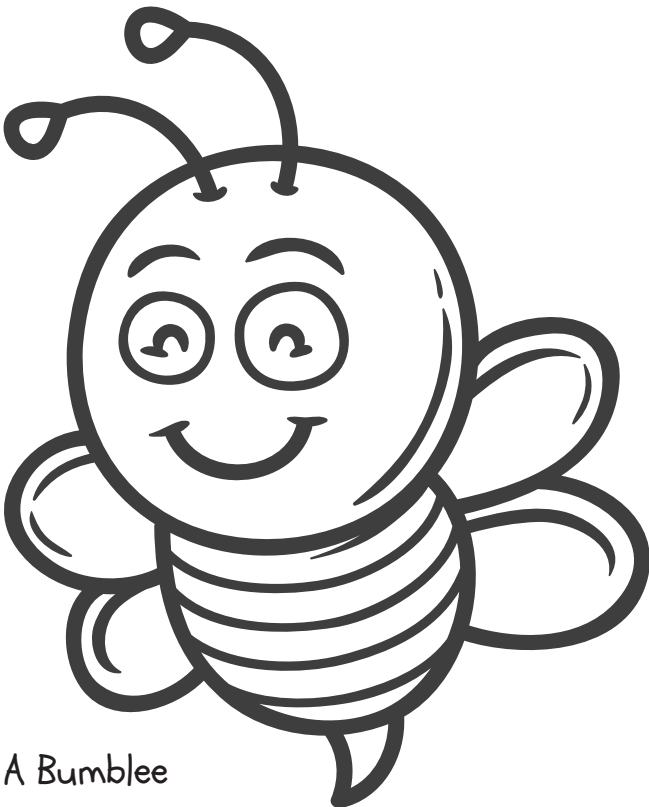
To get you started, we've put together this activity pack to help you find out more about the wildlife that shares your garden and help you create some fun project ideas that your new wildlife friends will thank you for!



There are many different kinds of wildlife that live in our gardens, from birds and insects to small animals like hedgehogs. See how many you can find in your garden and list them below:



Go on a Minibeast Hunt!
Can you find the following hiding in your garden?
Colour in the ones you discover:



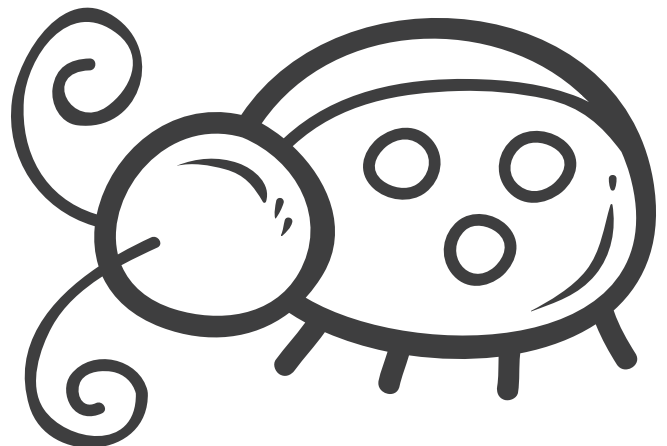
A Bumblee



A Snail



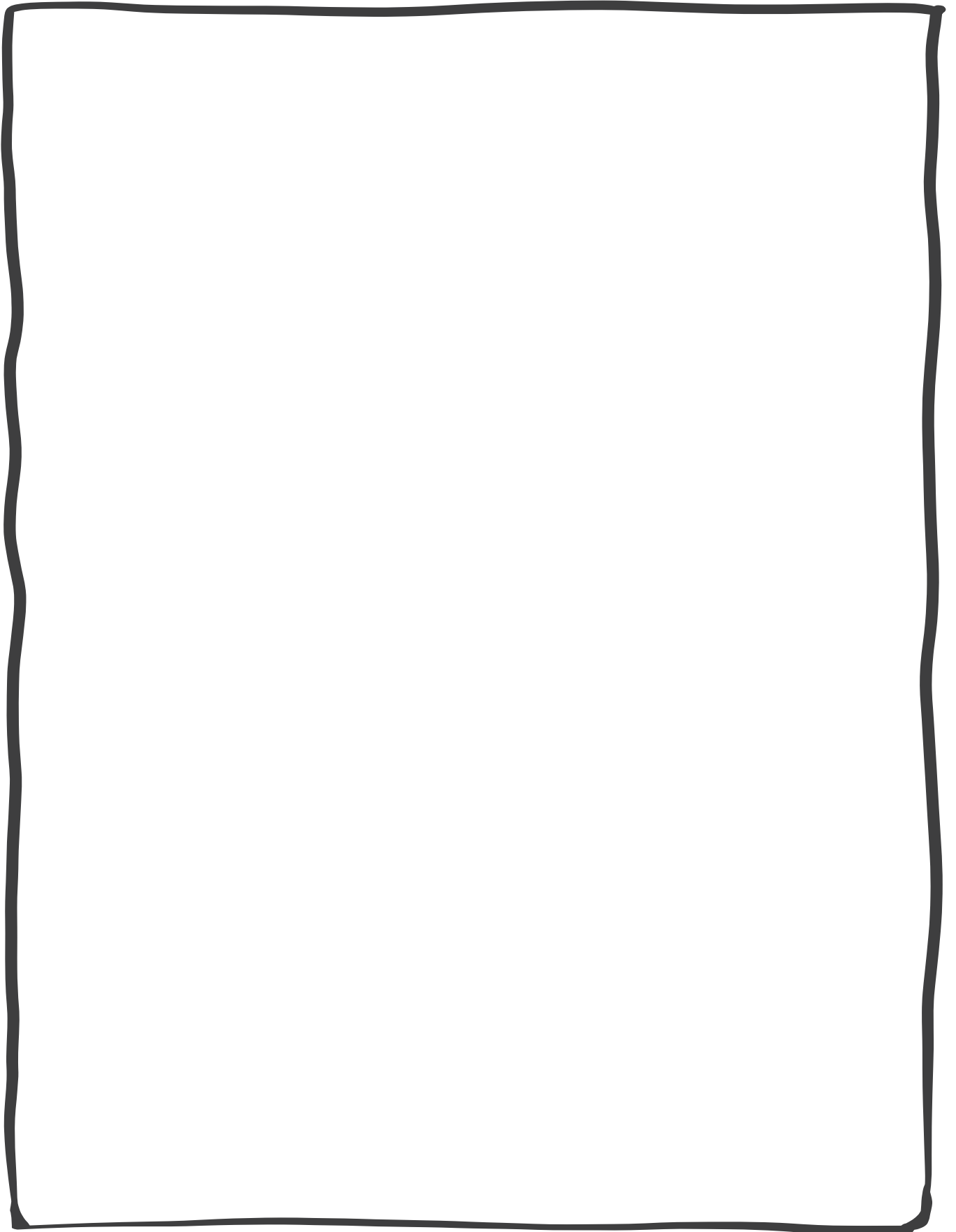
A worm



A Ladybird

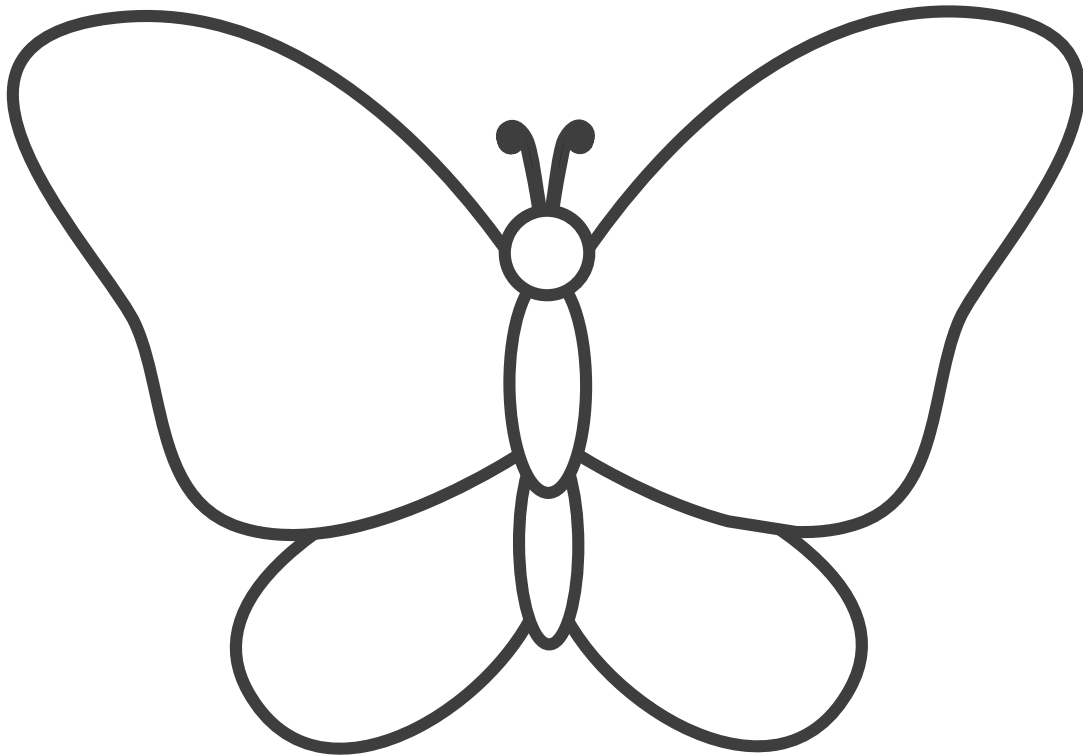


Insects such as butterflies, bees and wasps all rely on pollen and nectar from plants to survive. Research some of the flowers and plants that provide this essential food and draw your favourite below:



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Butterflies are easy to spot in our gardens due to their vibrant colours and beautiful patterned wings. Can you design your own butterfly below?



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Did you know that there are nearly 30,000 different species of insects in the UK?! See if you can name those below:



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

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Try one of the following projects.

Take a photo and send it to us at socialteam@cala.co.uk

or share it on social media and tag [@calahomes](https://www.instagram.com/calahomes)

Please get permission from a parent or guardian*

Homemade bird food.

Why not make your own delicious homemade bird food? We love this recipe from the National Trust. Why not give it a go!



Ingredients

- Lard or suet (room temperature)
- Handful of bird seed
- Handful of peanuts (unsalted)
- Grated cheese or raisins
- Dry leftovers (oats, bread or cake)
- Old clean yoghurt pots and string

Method

- Use one part fat to two parts dry mixture.
- Melt the fat slightly if it's chilled and hard.
- Mix all ingredients together in a bowl.
- Make a small hole in the bottom of each of your yoghurt pots.
- Thread a length of string through the hole and tie a knot to secure it.
- Pack each pot tightly with the mixture. Put it in the fridge until it's set hard.
- Once it's fully set, carefully cut away the yoghurt pot and recycle it.
It should crack off OK if the mixture is cold enough.



Shelter for bugs.

Have a go at creating this easy shelter for bugs using wood, twigs and branches. You might need to ask a parent or guardian to help.



- Gather together some logs - those with bark on are the best
- Find a damp and shady spot for your log pile
- Lay the logs flat on the ground in a criss-cross fashion
- Bury the lower logs a few centimetres into the soil to keep the wood damp
- Fill in the gaps in between with old twigs, branches and leaves
- Water your log pile if it looks dry, otherwise leave nature to do the rest!
- You can check on your new insect world by gently lifting the logs but be careful not to disturb their new home too much!

