

Go Wild this Summer



Week 3 – Nature's Colours

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Welcome to Go Wild this Summer - Week 3

The third of four weekly packs produced for August 2020.

Nature's Colours

Summer is full of colour! This week explore the wonders of nature's colours and patterns in your garden, green space, allotment or local city park.

Created by Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust in partnership with Leicester City Council.



Share your adventures:

We'd love to see what you get up to and how you are using the packs.

Share your photos of your natural mandalas, butterflies or moths spotted or mask by tagging us: @LeicsWildlife



Safety:

Please follow the current government guidance on social distancing whilst taking part in these activities.

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How to get involved

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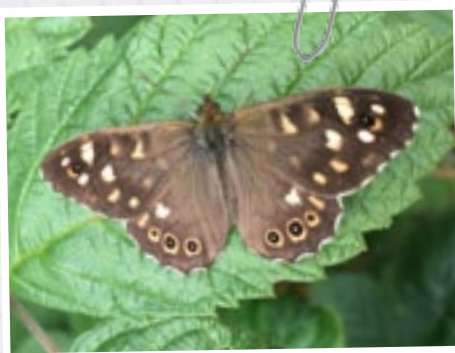
Pattern spotter

Go for a walk in nature and see which of these patterns you can spot.

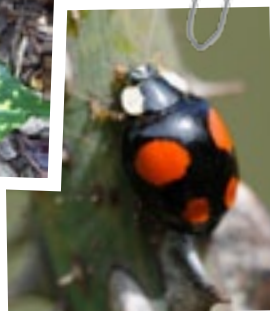
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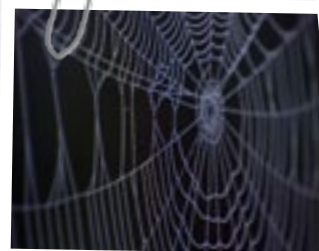
Symmetry



Spots



Spirals



Safety for you:

- Go with an adult
- Wash your hands after the activity **and** before eating or drinking
- Don't pick up litter

Care for wildlife:

- Take a photo to remember what you find
- Leave nothing but foot prints!

Get creative with pattern

Try out these creative ideas to explore patterns in nature.

Nature frame

1. Find a piece of used cardboard packaging about size of cereal box
2. Choose a shape of a simple symmetrical animal e.g. butterfly, beetle
3. Draw your animal onto the cardboard - nice and big!
4. Cut out the shape leaving your animal shaped hole (Ask an adult to help).
5. Head outside and see what patterns you can make or use it to frame a view.
6. Take a photo to remember it.



Natural mandala

1. Gather natural materials - sticks, stones, leaves, feathers from the ground.
2. Next, create a circular pattern or mandala on the ground.
(Take a photo to remember it!)
3. **Or** take the materials home to stick onto a piece of paper.
Here are some examples.



Shapes in nature

Check out this short Wildlife Watch video all about shapes in nature. Why are plants and animals the shape they are? Click the link [here](#).



Butterfly and moth spotter

Butterflies and moths are great examples of pattern and colour in nature. Which ones can you see flying or collecting nectar from flowers in the city? Tick them off when you spot them.

Did you know?... In the UK, there are 59 species or types of butterflies. However, there are over 2,500 different moths!

Butterflies -



Peacock



Brimstone



Meadow brown



Common blue



Red admiral



Large white



Small white



Painted lady



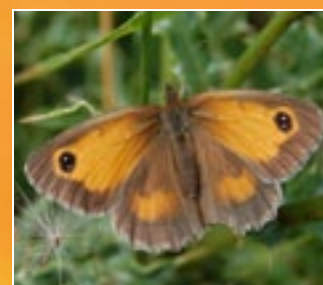
Comma



Small tortoiseshell



Large skipper

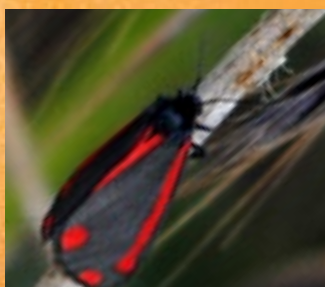


Gatekeeper

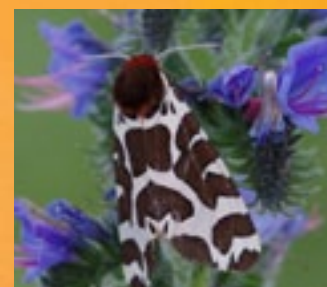


Day flying moths -

Did you know?... Most moths fly at night but some you can see in the day, like these ones.



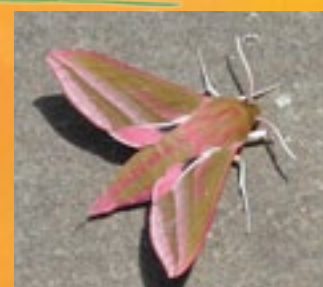
Cinnabar



Garden tiger



6 Spotted burnet

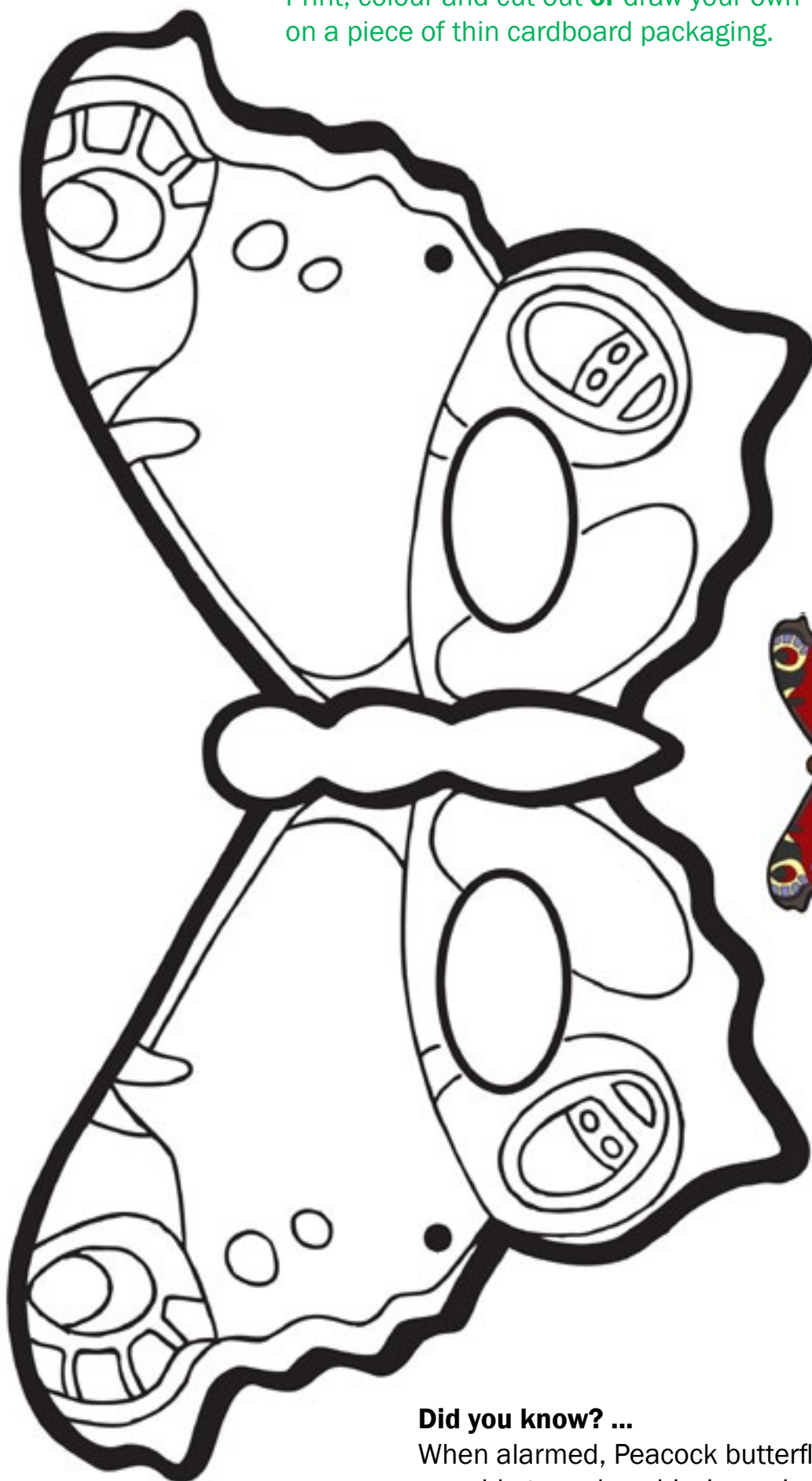


Elephant hawk



Butterfly mask -

Print, colour and cut out **or** draw your own on a piece of thin cardboard packaging.



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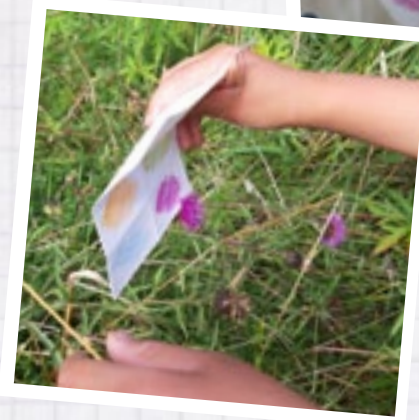
When alarmed, Peacock butterflies are able to make a hissing noise by rubbing their wings together quickly.

Nature's palette

Can you collect nature's rainbow?

Colour Bingo

1. Create your own colour bingo cards at home with crayons/pens like these ones
2. Go outside to find the colours in your garden or local park
3. Give one to each of your family going on your walk
4. Who can find all their colours first?



Artist palette

1. Cut out a palette shape from a cardboard box
2. Stick on some double sided tape to make an artist palette (or glue on the natural pieces you collect when you get home)
3. Head out to your local green space to collect small pieces of natural materials e.g. a petal, a small stone, a feather, a piece of leaf.
4. You could collect lots of different colours **or** different shades e.g. how many greens can you find?



Wildlife Watch Hedgehog Awards

Complete 8 of the activities from any of the Go Wild this Summer packs and gain a Wildlife Watch Hedgehog Award certificate. For children in Leicestershire and Rutland aged 5 - 12 years old (open to non-members until 31st August 2020).

Take a photo of each completed activity and send with a brief description, child's name, age and postcode to: Rachel Ibbotson, Education Officer ww@lrwt.org.uk



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Your local Wildlife Trust protects and enhances the wildlife and wild places of Leicestershire and Rutland and engages people with nature.

Did you know? ...

- We manage 35 special nature reserves
- Supported by over 16,000 members
- Part of a network for 46 UK Wildlife Trusts

Get involved:

- Become a member
- Donate
- Attend an event
- Volunteer

www.lrwt.org.uk

Learn and Discover

- Nearly 600 pupils have taken part of our Forest School programme in Leicester
- 36 school grounds transformed by our Grow Wild Gardeners in Leicester
- We also run Wildlife Watch children's groups, Wild Tots groups, Wild Play school holiday activities and public events

Find out more:

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