

Learning from Home – Connecting with Wildlife

There are some fabulous online learning resources available to help you enjoy wildlife from home or in your garden. Please be aware that you may not be able to carry out all of the activities at the moment, but there are plenty of things to do close to home in the meantime.

The list is growing daily, so why not follow the organisations listed on Facebook or Twitter and keep up to date with new resources as they become available.

Amateur Entomologists' Society – The Bug Club has lots of insect related resources –
<https://www.amentsoc.org/bug-club/>

Back from the Brink – Arts, Crafts and Creative nature themed activities for everyone
<https://naturebftb.co.uk/2020/04/06/fun-activities-to-enjoy-at-home/>

Bat Conservation Trust – for lots of bat related activities
<https://www.bats.org.uk/resources/education-outreach-resources/resources-for-teachers-youth-leaders>

Buglife – insect related activities to enjoy
<https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/children-and-schools/activities-to-do-withchildren/>

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/children-and-schools/activities-for-schools/>

Bumblebee Conservation – lots of bee related activities
<https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/learning-zone/>

Butterfly conservation – a range of butterfly related activities Munching caterpillars
<https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/education/munching-caterpillars>

Family fun from home
<https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/education/family-fun-from-home>

Countryside Classroom – connecting schools with food, farming and the natural environment
<https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk>

Council for Learning outside the classroom – with links to a large range of learning resources from a range of organisations
<https://www.lotc.org.uk/resources/education-resources/>

Devon Wildlife Trust – learn about marvellous minibeasts on land and in the sea

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/minibeasts>

Field Studies Council – Including details of the FREE #fieldworklive sessions focussing on Geography and Science elements of the National Curriculum

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/resources-and-ideas/>

Forestry England – try a Google Expedition bringing the forest to life from home through virtual field trips

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/100/google-expeditions>

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/spotter-guides-and-activity-sheets>

Froglife – for all things amphibian

<https://www.froglife.org/learning-zone/resources/>

Hawk Conservancy Trust – Owlets Children’s Activity Sheets

<https://www.hawk-conservancy.org/2020/04/10/childrens-activity-sheets/>

Hedgehog street – lots of information about hedgehogs -<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org>

Learning through landscapes- lots of outdoor learning ideas, many that can be done close to home –

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/free-resources/>

Mammal Society – Foxy Facts

<https://www.mammal.org.uk/school-resources/>

National History Museum – Try this at home – A wide range of learning resources and activities

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html>

National Trust – 50 things to do in your back garden

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/50-things-activities-to-do-in-your-back-garden?campid=Social_Central_Spring_Twitter_50things030420

Plantlife – with meadow related activities, which will inspire you to transform your lawn into a species rich grassland

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/learning-and-volunteering/schools>

Building Resilience in South West Woodlands resources with activities to help learn about trees, lichens and ferns

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/our-work/conservation-projects/woodland/building-resilience-in-south-west-woodlands/building-resilience-resources>

People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) – resources about Hedgehogs
<https://ptes.org/get-informed/education-resources/hedgehog-activities/>

Kids gone wild
<https://ptes.org/kids-gone-wild/>

Rockpool Project. Cornwall based social enterprise with some activities for those of you missing the beach
<https://www.therockpoolproject.co.uk/resources/>

Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for School Gardening – with ideas you can incorporate into your own garden to help make it more wildlife friendly
<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html>

RSPB – Lots of activities about birds and other wildlife
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/facts-about-nature/>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/kids-stories/>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/lesson-plans-and-supporting-resources/>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/>

South East Rivers Trust – Project Kingfisher with some great river themed learning materials
<https://www.southeastrivertrust.org/river-education-home-activities/>

The Orchard Project – with a lovely exercise about the apples of the British Isles
https://www.theorchardproject.org.uk/guides_and_advice/primary-school-activities-lesson-plans-ernest-cook-trust/

Wildlife Watch Activity Sheets – lots of nature related activity sheets to download
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activity-sheets>

Wildlife Watch Education Resources – lots of ideas for all ages. I love the Brambly Hedge section!
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/educational-resources>

Woodland Trust – lots of nature related activities including the Tree Tools for Schools resources
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/kids-nature-activities-self-isolation/>

<http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/categorymenu/?cat=activities>

For activities linked to the National Curriculum
<http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/finder/?cat=finder>

There is also an excellent new farming learning resource that is well worth a look.

#LockdownLearning – a project developed by the National Farmers Union and EatFarmNow with lots of activities and resources about farming
<https://eatfarmnow.com/category/lockdown-learning/>