

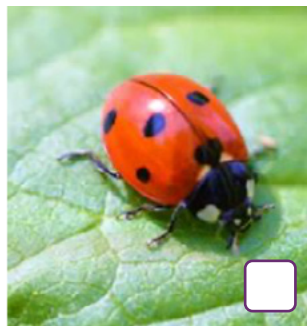
Hey You! Let's Take a Hike!

Ireland is a relatively small island, yet it is home to many varied and unique species. Thanks to our temperate climate and lush green landscape our island is filled with biodiversity.

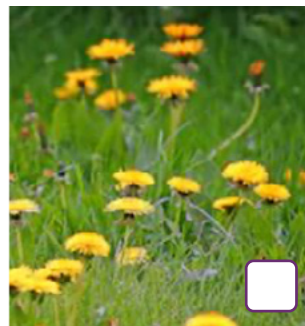
Here are some examples of the many common plants and wildlife that call Ireland's woodlands and gardens their home. Take a walk with an adult from home in your local park/garden or around your neighbourhood. Keep a close eye out for the following minibests, animals, birds and plants and let's see how many boxes you can tick.



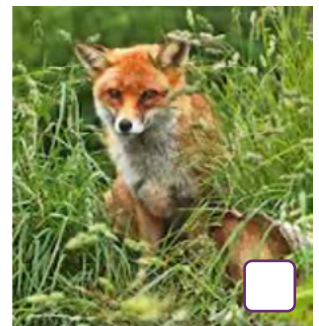
Robin – Can you spot his red breast?



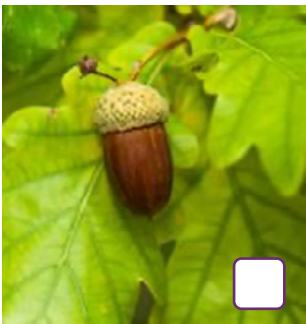
Lady Bird – How many spots can you find?



Dandelion – A pollinators favourite flower



The Red Fox – This shy fellow comes out at dusk



Oak Tree – Find me with my unique leaves



Bumble Bee – I'm a busy pollinator visiting flowers

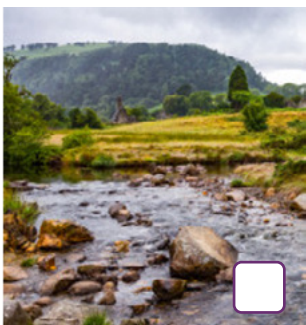


Wood Pigeon - You might hear my call before you see me



Hawthorn Tree – Look around for my flowers to find me

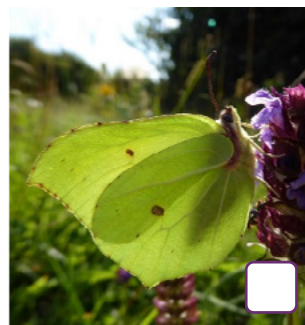
Now let's see if you can find some other examples of biodiversity in Ireland. Have another look around. Can you find any of the following?



A river (stream or the sea) – Listen can you hear me trickle over the stoney riverbed?



Nettles – Careful of my leaves I might sting you



A Butterfly – Some say I'm a sign of good weather



A Heron – I'll be wading in a river looking for fish