National Museum of Ireland Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann

IRISH BIODIVERSITY ACTIVITY SHEET 1



HI! My name is Daisy and I have a ZOO in my Garden! Well, not a zoo with lions and tigers, but I have lots of wild animals in my garden - how about you? It's good to have lots of animals in your garden- it's called the garden's BIODIVERSITY.

Will you tell me a bit about your favourite garden? Start by answering the questions below!

> What animals have you seen in your garden? (CIRCLE YOUR ANSWERS)

MAGPIE	SLUG
WORM	WOODLOUSE
SPIDER	ANT
BUTTERFLY	HEDGEHOG
BEETLE	PIGEON
FLY	SNAIL
SQUIRREL	SEAGULL
FOX	BEE
ROBIN	MOUSE
BLACKBIRD	мотн

Name

Age

Favourite Animal

Where is your favourite garden?

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Is your favourite garden animal in the Museum? (CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER) YES NO



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You Can See Ladybirds, Butterflies, Beetles And Other Insects In The Covered Cabinets In The Back Of The Irish Room (Ground Floor). My favourite garden animal is an INSECT called a LADYBIRD- but I have forgotten what they look like! Can you help me finish my picture?

How many legs should she have? (CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER) 2 4 6 8 10 (HINT: read below) Do you like insects?

Why?

How many spots should we give her? (CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER)

2 4 6 8 10 (HINT: read below)

My Ladybird's name is

DID YOU KNOW?

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All insects- BIG, SMALL and TINY, have 6 legs! Ladybirds can have from 2 to 24 spots- Irish ladybirds usually have 2 or 7 spots. Ladybirds are not just red- they can be orange and yellow too, or black with red spots!! The reason they are so colourful is to warn birds that they taste HORRIBLE!!





If you enjoyed this, try our range of other worksheets in the National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St. and Collins Barracks.

Finally, where in the garden can you find your favourite garden animal? (CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER) COLOUR THE GARDEN IN WHEN YOU'RE DONE!

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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