

Be a National Trust nature spotter

Which of these fluttering butterflies and creepy crawlies can you find today?



Centipede would be quite scary if it was bigger! They have large claws at the front to catch other animals.



Peacock butterfly has spots on its wings that look like eyes.



Red admiral butterfly is often seen on flowers. Some come to visit us all the way from France!



Comma butterfly has a trick to hide from predators; when its wings are closed it looks like a dead leaf!



Banded snails are very common and come in different colours. How many colours can you find?



Woodlouse lives in damp, dark places. Look under stones and logs to find them.



Garden spider is a useful creature. They eat lots of flying insect pests.



Small tortoiseshell butterfly can be found hibernating in sheds and garages in winter.



White-tailed bumblebee lives in small nests, is important for pollinating plants and rarely stings people.



Go wild for beautiful bugs and butterflies



What butterflies and bugs have you found today?

Draw a picture of your favourite creature here:

How many different species can you find?

Butterflies and bugs are interesting to look at, but they're also useful creatures. They provide food for other animals, pollinate flowers and clear away dead plants and animals from the countryside.

When you're bug hunting, a small bucket can be useful to collect the creatures you find. You might want to take a magnifying glass so you can get up really close. And don't forget to put them back afterwards!

'Hunt for bugs' is one of the National Trust's top 50 things to do before you're 11 3/4. Tick this off your list and find the other 49 challenges at www.50things.org.uk or get a free scrapbook during your visit.