

NATURE EXPLORERS

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The Kent Downs is made of farmland, woodland, grassland and chalk coasts. These create a range of habitats for different wildlife to thrive in.

Use this guide to help you explore and discover the wild habitats of the Kent Downs. The three skills you are going to use are: looking, listening and creative thinking.

Did you know that nearly 70% of the Kent Downs woodland is known as ancient woodland! Meaning the trees having been standing for more than 400 years.



Common Gorse

Shrubs and bushes create the perfect hiding spot for many species to nest in. Can you spot a nest?



Wild Rose

Cucumber Spider



If you can smell coconut in the air, this could mean you are near a 'Common Gorse' shrub. It has bright yellow flowers, but be careful, the leaves can be spikey!

Rye Grass

Grasslands are the perfect habitat for insects to live in. These grass species may not look like the typical grass you see in your school field or at home.



False Oat



Creeping Bent

Red-tailed Bee



Green Shield Bug

Watch how the grass moves in the wind. Can you act out the movements?

Sycamore



Ash



Oak



Can you find these leaves on your walk?

Elm



Chalkhill Blue Butterfly



Each of these insects have a distinct feature, can you guess what it is?

Stag Beetle



Buzzard



Can you hear any birds calling?
Can you identify them?
Now reply back by creating
your own unique bird call.

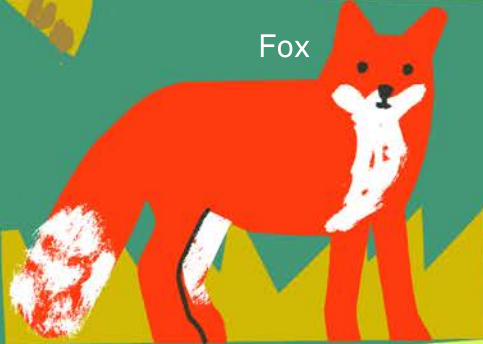
Blackbird



Peacock



Fox



All living things have adapted to suit the habitat
they live in. Did you spot a harvest mouse?
Don't worry if you didn't, they have adapted to
be really small, so are really hard to spot in the
tall grasses. If you had to choose a habitat to
live in, where would it be and why?

What does the ground sound like to walk on?
Listen to the sound change as you walk
through the different habitats;
woodland, grassland and farmland.

Is it crunchy, soft, squidgy, dry?

Grey Rabbit



Harvest Mouse



Pheasant



Brown Hare



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