



Bluebell

Scientific name: *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*

Height: 20–50 cm

Family: Asparagus

Habitat: Woodland

Flowers: April to June



The National Trust with Bridge Schools Competition



Win an experience with the rangers at Lanhydrock!

Design your own 'Nature in my Neighbourhood' guide.

We want to know what wildlife you can spot in your garden, or when you are out with your family for a walk.

There's an absolutely incredible range of birds, plants, trees, flowers, insects and animals that live right outside your door and we want to know all about them. Create a leaflet or booklet that shows off what you have seen with pictures and descriptions. See below for entry details.



Questions and Answers...

Q: Why are Bridge Schools working with the National Trust at Lanhydrock?

A: We are very lucky to have a special relationship with the rangers at Lanhydrock. Since 2016, a group of 'Young Rangers' from across our schools have worked with Hollie Ferris (Ranger), Mrs Towe and Mr Bass from Bridge Schools in a series of conservation days. The children learnt all about the estate and how the rangers look after the park. They then went on to design and build the extension to the playground beside the cycle hire and cafe, which we are sure many of you have enjoyed using!

Q: When is the closing date?

A: There isn't one! Because we are all working from home, you just need to bring your entry with you and give it to your Headteacher when we all go back to school. If we feel you need longer, we will set an extension once we are all back.

Q: How long should it be?

A: It's up to you! You can use anything you like to make your wildlife guide, so we don't want to put a limit on how many pages it should be. Remember, we are looking for quality, so a few carefully drawn or photographed images with descriptions and facts might be enough to convince the judges. If you have made yours on the computer, and you don't have a printer, you can print it off when you get back to school. Just don't forget to put your name, school and age on the entry.

Q: Are there any age categories?

A: Yes! If you are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, your entry will be judged separately to those in Years 3-6. How old you are will determine the activity that the rangers do with the winners on the day. This is because there are important Health and Safety rules that the National Trust and your teachers must follow. We are looking for 5 winners in both categories.

Q: Who will judge the entries?

A: A team made up of rangers and conservation staff from Lanhydrock and some of your adults from across Bridge Schools, including Mr Massey, Mrs Towe and Mr Bass.

Q: What do you think the judges will be looking for?

A: CREATIVITY! This is a non-fiction piece of writing and illustration / photography. You can present it in any way you wish, so think creatively and look at examples of fact books and fact sheets for children on line. Imagine you are writing it for a child in another school to read. What would you want to get across and how would you make it sound as interesting as possible? Remember all those writing skills your teachers have taught you - good spelling, punctuation and handwriting will be important too!

VARIETY! We would love to see that you have really studied a real range of wildlife. Even in your own garden or paths nearby, study the area over a few days, you'll see different birds, different flowers starting to blossom, different insects either crawling or flying. Pretend you are an explorer. Take a notebook or camera, then bring your findings back and try and find out some interesting facts about every species that you have identified.

More questions? Ask Mrs Towe: dtowe@bridgeschools.co.uk



These resources might help you...

Websites

National Trust: www.nationaltrust.org.uk Includes 50 things to do in your back garden before you're 11 3/4)

RSPB for Kids : www.rspb.org.uk Includes birds and birdsong identification tools, games, activities and story time sessions/

Wildlife Watch: www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

Apps

Seek

Identify wildlife and plants using this app using your mobile camera. Also learn fun facts about the organisms around you.

https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app

Bugs count

Be a part of the nationwide bug hunt with this Bugs Count app. Learn about common groups of bugs, contribute to scientific research by taking part in a Species Quest and view the beautiful gallery of bug images from the Natural History Museum.

<http://www.opalexplornature.org/bugs-app>

Wildlife Trust nature finder

Includes pictures and descriptions of various habitats and species

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.wildlifetrusts.naturefinder&hl=en_GB

Tree ID app

Identify native common and common non-native trees.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-id-app/>

Finally, please remember:

Make sure you always have a responsible adult with you when you are out exploring. Please don't pick any wildflowers and make sure you wash your hands as soon as you are back in the house.

Good luck Young Rangers!

