

NATURE DETECTIVE

- SILVER LEVEL 2

Please look in your garden, street or on a local walk and see if you can find these plants and animals. What can you find out about them? If you want to know more click on the links!

<p>Grape hyacinth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>Information from our Expert, Senior Gardener Peter Wood:</p> <p>... Muscari providing spring colour in an old Rockery bed. These Grape hyacinths thrive on complete neglect and will rapidly naturalise in the right conditions. Often being planted around the edges of rich soiled garden borders, some may say they are too leafy and hang around for too long after the flowers finish. Poor, thin, nutrient-deficient soils are the perfect conditions for them. That dry, dusty patch under a deciduous tree that you struggle to grow the lawn under is probably perfect for a sea of deep blue flowers every spring. My recommendation;- keep them out of your flower borders, the soil is probably way too good for them. Grow them in that strip of rubbish dusty soil by the path down to the shed...</p>	
<p>Latin name: <i>Muscari armeniacum</i>.</p>			
<p>Woodlouse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodlice have gills (like a sea creature!) • Female woodlice have a pouch like a kangaroo • They have lots of names including stinky pig! • They are brilliant recyclers! <p>Find out more here: https://www.discoverwildlife.com/animal-facts/insects-invertebrates/facts-about-common-rough-woodlouse/ and here: https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/crustaceans/woodlice/</p>	
<p>Where was it? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>Rose</p>		<p>There are many different types of rose. Some are named after people or special occasions. What's your favourite name?</p> <p>https://www.countrygardenroses.co.uk/</p>	<p>Did you know rose petals are edible? Here you can make crystallised rose petals or rose flavoured cupcakes. Enjoy!</p> <p>https://www.bakingmad.com/baking-tips/decoration/how-to-make-crystallised-rose-petals</p>
<p>Where was it? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>Blackbird</p>		<p>Find out more about the blackbird by clicking on the link below.</p> <p>https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/animals/birds/blackbird/</p>	<p>Listen to the song here. See if you can hear it (or other common birds) in your garden.</p> <p>https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/identify-bird-song/</p>
<p>Scientific name: <i>Turdus merula</i></p>			

SILVER AWARD
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