



WILDLIFE; Rabbit and Polecat

Spike loves looking out for wildlife especially when he goes out for his daily walk or is in the garden. He has sometimes seen rabbits running across the local fields but has never seen a polecat apart from here. He learned that rabbits were introduced into Britain by the Normans for their fur and meat. They dig networks of burrows called warrens.



Polecats are extinct in Kent but are related to ferrets. Spike thought this one looked cute and as if it wanted to play. Polecats have an attractive thick, silky, brown fur and a pale yellow underbody. The name "polecat" comes from the French "poule chat" meaning "the chicken cat," referring to polecat hunting and eating chickens.

Activity; For today's activity Spike thought it would be fun to spot the wildlife and nature around you. Look in your garden or when you are out on your walk and keep a record. You could focus on it being a bug or minibeast hunt. Or a general nature hunt looking out for birds, creatures, plants and bugs.

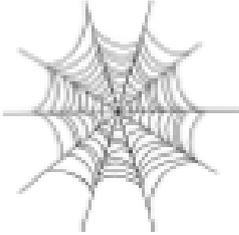
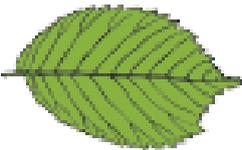
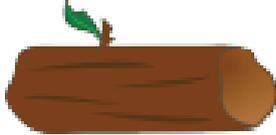
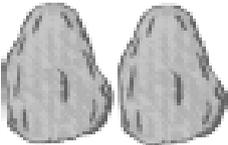
We have created two record charts for you on the next pages to help you count what you see.

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When you go on your daily walk, tick off what you see on this nature grid.

 <p>bird</p>	 <p>tree roots</p>	 <p>ant</p>	 <p>spiderweb</p>
 <p>green leaf</p>	 <p>acorn</p>	 <p>flower</p>	 <p>log</p>
 <p>two similar rocks</p>	 <p>mushroom</p>	 <p>squirrel</p>	 <p>tall grass</p>
 <p>stick that looks like a letter 'y'</p>	 <p>flying bug</p>	 <p>brown leaf</p>	 <p>cloud</p>
 <p>dandelion</p>	 <p>animal footprints</p>	 <p>wild berries</p>	 <p>pine cone</p>

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Look in your garden or out on your walk and draw the different creatures you see. You might need to carefully look under logs and rocks, under leaves, on trees or even in plantpots to spot them.
