



Activity 4

THE SCIENCE BIT



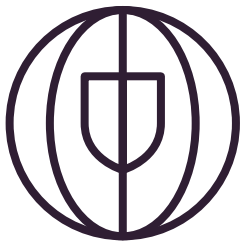
Well done for all your help this week. I hope you know a little more about our UK wildlife and what an amazing place we live in.

Before I head out to do some more conservation work, I wanted to share some interesting facts about what we've learnt together.

WHERE DO PROTECTED ANIMALS LIVE?

When animals and plants live in one area it's called an ecosystem and many of these are protected by UK law.

New, invasive species joining these communities can upset the balance and cause chaos. An example of this in the UK is how red squirrels, which are native to our country, suffered when the bigger grey squirrels were introduced by the Victorians.



HOW CAN YOU HELP PROTECT UK SPECIES?

Some simple things you can do to help make a difference: recycle, reduce your use of plastic, find ways to reuse things you might otherwise throw away, grow flowers for butterflies and bees, put holes in your fences for hedgehogs and check out the RSPB website for great advice on how to help protect birds – they also have a guide to help with your bird feeder -

www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-a-recycled-bird-feeder/



WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE?

It's important to recognise that all of our actions do make a difference.

Remember to turn off lights and power sockets, you could switch to energy-efficient bulbs and try looking for creative ways to reduce, reuse and recycle around the home. And make sure you share what you are doing, as this will encourage more people to do the same!

