



With Weird Noises

In this activity we want you to explore all the different types of sounds in nature that you hear when you are outside, including those which really need to be listened for.

Take your pick from the list of suggested ideas, which may have come from existing resources (e.g. Roundabouts / Handbooks / Badges / GFIs / Octants and other Girlguiding publications) or choose your own activity.

All Age Activities

- > Go for a walk on a windy day and make a list of all the sounds you hear. Repeat the same walk in different weather conditions. How does weather affect different sounds?
- > Lie down on a nice grassy spot and listen out for different tiny creatures e.g. buzzing bees / chirruping crickets etc.
- > Share a campfire with your friends, have a sing song and listen to the wood as it burns, as well as sharing your voices with nature
- > Visit an animal farm and list how animals communicate with one another and us.
- > Make music with natural materials
- > Use the sounds of natural materials to make up a story
- > Visit a fun fair/ wild life park/ formal garden/ blacksmiths and listen out for different types of sound both natural, from animals or man-made. Can you record them and get other people to guess what they are and where they're from?
- > Make a grass whistle and compose a tune for others to enjoy!



Rainbow ideas

- > Record a sound trail and get other members of your unit to follow it
- > Make up and record a story using sounds from nature to give it atmosphere
- > Listen to the natural noises like a deer, by standing quietly and cupping your hands behind your ears
- > Sit outside for 5 minutes and make a list of all the sounds you hear
- > How many different water sounds can you discover?
- > Give each group an animal sound. Each group has to hide, make the animal noise and see if other members can find them
- > Listen to the sounds of rain
- > Spend a few minutes just listening to the sounds of the weather. Set out various objects (like metal, plastic and glass containers) to hear how water droplets sound when they hit different surfaces
- > Collect a seashell and see if you can hear the sea when you hold it up to your ear



Links/Extensions

Roundabout:
All About Me



Brownie ideas

- > Record a sound trail and get other members of your unit to follow it
- > Sit outside for 10 minutes and make a list of all the sounds you hear
- > Use natural objects to create different sounds
- > Can you accompany a song using different natural 'musical instruments'?
- > How many different water sounds can you discover?
- > Using natural objects, which you have found, make some wind chimes to help you relax



Links/Extensions

Badges:
Science Investigator
Seasons
Wildlife Explorer

Guide ideas

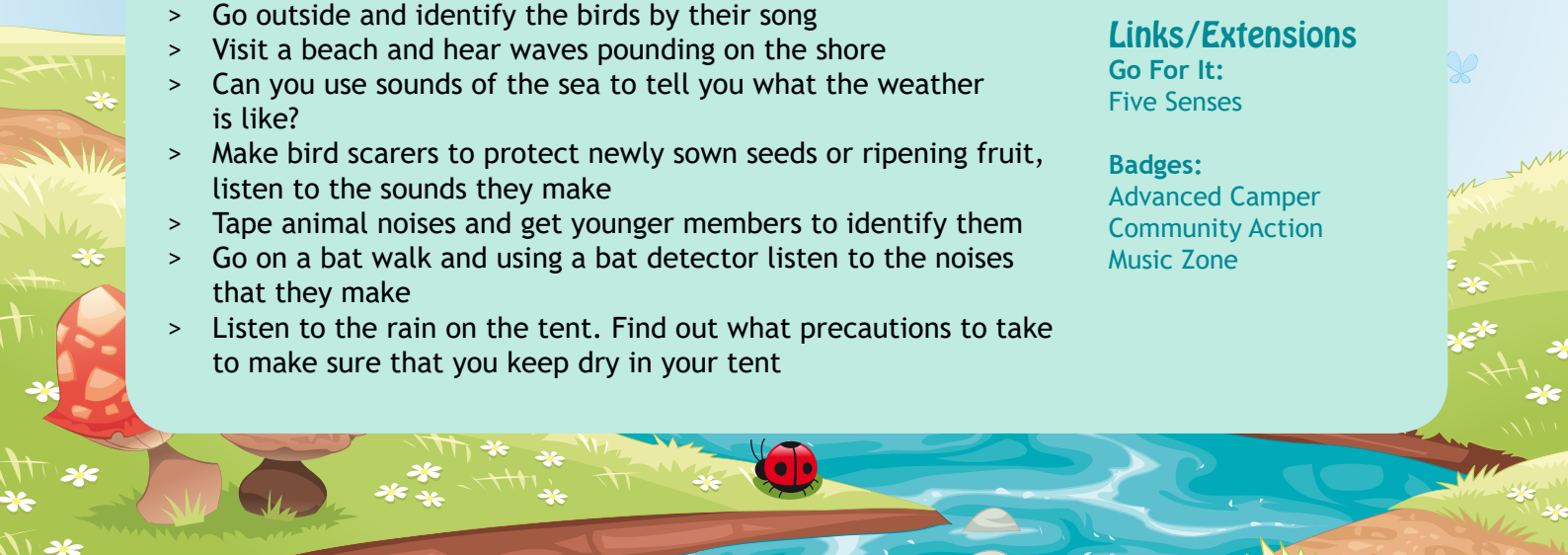
- > Record a sound trail and get other members of your unit to follow it
- > Go outside and identify the birds by their song
- > Visit a beach and hear waves pounding on the shore
- > Can you use sounds of the sea to tell you what the weather is like?
- > Make bird scarers to protect newly sown seeds or ripening fruit, listen to the sounds they make
- > Tape animal noises and get younger members to identify them
- > Go on a bat walk and using a bat detector listen to the noises that they make
- > Listen to the rain on the tent. Find out what precautions to take to make sure that you keep dry in your tent



Links/Extensions

Go For It:
Five Senses

Badges:
Advanced Camper
Community Action
Music Zone



The Senior Section ideas

- > Go outside and identify the birds by song
- > Using natural materials produce a ghost story to 'frighten' others attending a campfire
- > Devise a natural sound game for Brownies and / or Rainbows
- > Follow a night trail using sounds to direct you
- > Sleep in a bivvy and keep a log of all the sounds you hear during the night
- > Visit a barn and listen out for owl noises
- > During the spring listen out for woodpeckers and cuckoos, hard at work
- > Go on a bat walk and using a bat detector listen to the noises that the bats make. Can you identify different types of bat?

Websites

How to/Activities

- > <http://www.dariamusic.com/crafts.php> (making musical instruments)
- > <http://www.tinytappingtoes.com/uncategorized/all-natural-instruments-sticks-stones-and-bamboo-percussion-for-kids/>
- > <http://www.instructables.com/id/Make-a-super-loud-whistle-with-an-acorn-or-other-p/?ALLSTEPS>
- > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc9Zc2g9D94> (How to make a grass whistle)
- > <http://daringbookforgirls.com/about-the-book/about-the-double-daring-book-for-girls/whistle-through-grass/>
- > http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cad=8&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwiOqqeD7KjKAhUMCB0KHZOkBSQQF-ghGMAc&url=http%3A%2F%2Fcmsold.pdst.ie%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2F-files%2Fexploring%2520sounds%2520environmental%2520sounds.pdf&usg=AFQjCNGErRj_iuN-y1BUDnATg2Sk0C4Mw&sig2=rIdbe23zcClkg0AExqVKqw (Environmental Sounds)
- > <http://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/information/creative-activities/sound-maps.htm>
- > <http://www.alastairhumphreys.com/what-is-a-bivvy-bag-and-why-do-i-need-one-microadventure/>



Information Websites

- > <http://sounds.bl.uk/environment/british-wildlife-recordings>
- > <http://science.howstuffworks.com/question556.htm> (sounds in seashells)
- > <http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/wildlife-sounds>
- > <http://www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk/listening-to-insects>
- > <http://www.british-birdsongs.uk/>
- > <http://www.flyingpigs.org.uk/> (Campfire songs)
- > <http://www.songsforteaching.com/folk/>
- > <http://guidinguk.freemembers.com/songs.html> (songs with music)
- > http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/songbook/songbook_index.htm
- > <http://www.bats.org.uk/>

Let us know what you've been up to on the **Growing Up Wild** website!