



WILDLIFE UNDER THREAT

Head outdoors to gather the materials you need to make a poster outlining the dangers facing some of our species



ACTIVITY

MAKE A REALLY WILD COLLAGE

Show the dangers that threaten British wildlife in its natural habitat

Suitable for Beavers and Cubs

You will need

- dried berries and plants
- leaves and twigs
- moss and grass
- seed pods and straw
- pens, crayons, felt tips
- magazines and scissors
- glue sticks and strong glue

Instructions

- 1 Ask your section to choose their favourite endangered British species from those below, before researching what poses a threat to them and which habitat they thrive in.
- 2 Explain that they're going to make a collage and ask them to

head outside to collect the materials they'll need for their creations. Use the information listed in the 'you will need' column (left) to give them an idea of the things they can gather.

3 Next they should think about the design. What message do they want to convey and how will they get this across? For instance, if they've chosen the hedgehog, they could have a picture of milk and bread and draw a big red cross over it – hedgehogs can't digest milk and bread. Or place a big green tick near a picture of a bowl of meaty cat food, which is a hedgehog's favourite dinner. Use natural materials and magazine cuttings to recreate the animals' homes, and then take it in turns to explain the poster's message to the rest of the section.

CONNECT THE THREAT

Weave and wend your way around the wavy lines to see the hazards posing a risk to Britain's wildlife



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Send us photos of your section's collages. Turn to page 3 for details

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TIME NEEDED

60 minutes

BADGE



Pets at Home partners the Beaver Animal Friends and Cub Animal Carer Activity Badges

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OUTCOMES

Your section will enjoy working outdoors to create their collages, and learn how to design an eye-catching poster that will promote a message about endangered animals. They'll learn which species of UK wildlife are under threat, and exactly what is endangering them. The young people will be encouraged to think about how best to attract wildlife to the grounds of the Scout hut.

TAKING IT FURTHER

These are great badges to continue working towards at home: your young people could even ask family members to join a wildlife society and take part in one of its activities. For example, the RSPB has a great 'build a cosy hedgehog home' activity online.

MORE INFORMATION

For more activity ideas and to download Activity Badge resources, visit scouts.org.uk/petsathome.