

# Who lives at Westonbirt?

The number on each quiz question below relates to a stop on the map. At each stop you will find the animal disc needed to solve our quiz. *Good luck and good hunting!*



## Wood crawlers

Carefully turn over a piece of dead wood or sift through the fallen leaves and you can glimpse a world in miniature – where all kinds of animals live. Despite their tiny size these animals are very important to Westonbirt's trees as they help to return the goodness found in dead wood to the soil - ready for tree roots to take up.

**1** Which 14-footed wood-eating animal can be found hiding under the bark of rotting logs?

Which animal of many parts and even more legs curls up in a ball if danger threatens?

If you do lift the lid on a dead wood world please be sure to put it back as you found it.

## Scratching out its dinner

Step off the paths and you can often find scrapes in the ground where one of our animals has been looking for food in the night.

Look around and you may even find the entrance to its underground home under the roots of some of our trees.



Who does this paw print belong to?

## A rowdy bunch

Stop a moment in a quiet spot and listen. In the treetops where leaves make seeing your neighbours difficult, it often pays to be noisy. Birds sing to tell other birds where they are, attract mates and warn rivals to keep out of their area. How many different calls can you hear?

**4** Which bird can be heard drumming in spring to attract a mate?

## Oak anvils

Have a close look at the bark of our oaks to see if you can find any nuts or seeds that have been wedged into the cracks (If you're not sure which tree is an oak, check on its black label).

These nuts are placed in the bark by one of the animals that lives here so that they can break them open to get to the food inside.

Can you think which animal might have done this?

## Terrific tunnels

Imagine living in a dark underground world. Close your eyes - do you think you could find your way? One of our inhabitants spends almost its entire life digging tunnels to catch its favourite food - worms. Can you spot where this animal pops up to the surface?

Which animal has spade-like front paws, velvet black fur and feels its way with its whiskers?

## Night flyer

Look closely at some of our old trees such as those on the Downs. Can you see any good hiding places? Many of our treetop residents like to live in tree holes and cracks - so old trees are just what they need.

Which night flying mammal likes to sleep during the day in hollow trees?

## Feeling adventurous?

Then why not explore some of the hidden corners of the Arboretum to see whether you can find our remaining discs and discover which other animals live at Westonbirt

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## Hidden treasure

How many tree fruit have you eaten this week? Lots of our animals also feed on the fruit and nuts produced by our trees each autumn. Often they also collect and hide them to prepare for the winter months ahead. Many of these seeds will be forgotten, and may grow into a new tree sapling. Can you find any?

**8** Which bird shares a squirrel's fondness for acorns?

## Messy eaters

Can you find a pinecone like this in our arboretum? If you look closely you can often see small teeth marks where the animal has nibbled away the scales.

Which animal did this to the pinecone?



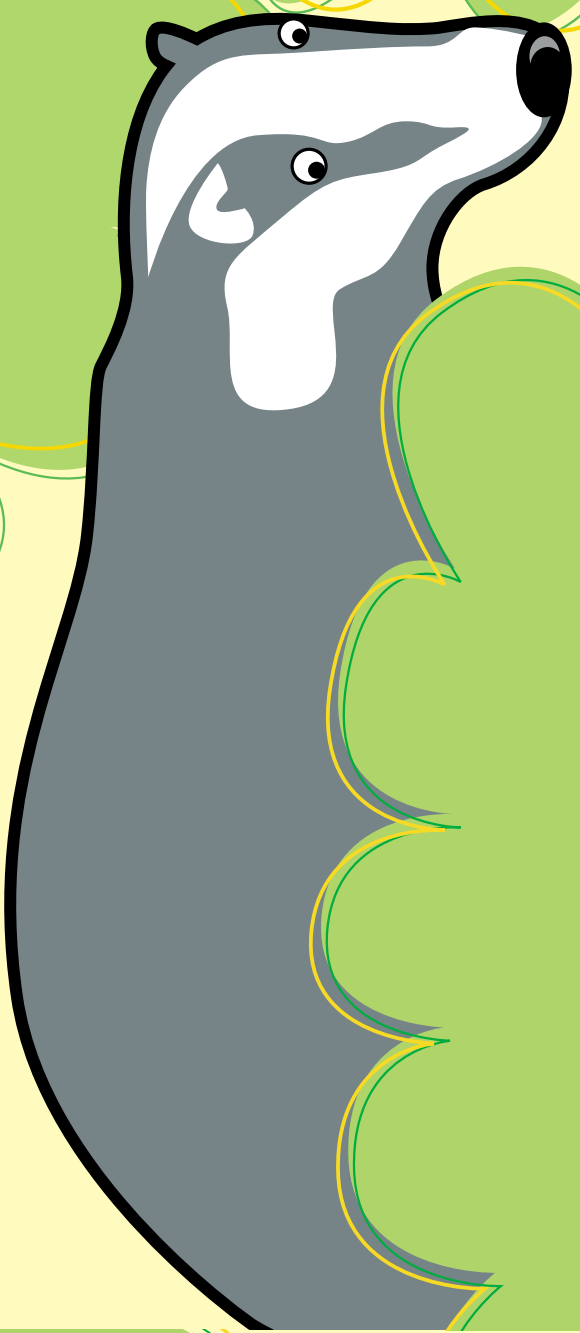
## Grubs among the trees

This is a picture of oak galls. Each is home to the young (known as a grub) of an insect that lives at Westonbirt. There are lots of different galls - such as cherry galls, apple galls and even spangle galls! Look closely at the leaves and twigs of our trees (especially oaks) and you may find some of your own. How many types can you find?

What insect will the grubs within each gall eventually turn into?

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# Activity Trail!



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**As you explore the Arboretum today, use this map to discover the animals that make Westonbirt their home.**

At each point marked on the map look out for a 3-inch round sign (like the one below). Each animal disc is attached to a permanent structure such as a fixed bench, gate or fence post.



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**WESTONBIRT**  
THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

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# Welcome to our TREE ZOO



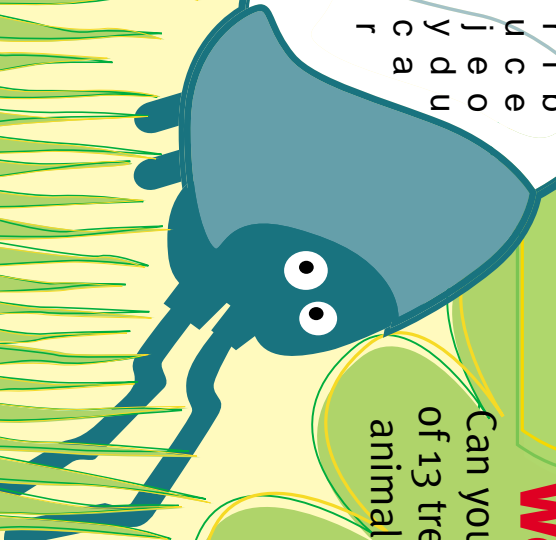
And just like the animals you see in zoos, our trees come in all shapes, sizes and colours! In fact many of our trees actually look like animals! Some have stripy bark like a badger's face, while others have leaves shaped like the scales on a snake. But as well as animal-like trees, Westonbirt is also home to many real animals. Although you probably won't see many of these, you can find out who lives where - if you know how to spot the clues they leave behind.

**Join us and become a nature detective!**



**Westonbirt Woodlouse Wordsearch**  
Can you find the names of 13 trees that help the animals at Westonbirt?

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p e y x d d i o y l e s e j i u c e  
m o i d c d w q i o l k s e j i u c e  
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**Dot-to-dot**  
Join up the dots to discover this shy Westonbirt resident

