



# Exploring your garden 1:

Is your garden a good place for hedgehogs?



# What is in your garden that hedgehogs can eat?



Make a list of the things that you think hedgehogs like to eat.

Move on to the next page to discover hedgehogs' favourite foods.





# Hedgehogs love to eat different types of beetle.

Where do you think you will find beetles in your garden?



Make a list or draw some of the places in your garden where you think you will find beetles.







You might find beetles in:

- compost heaps or bins
- at the edge of the lawn or grass
- in the soil
- in log piles

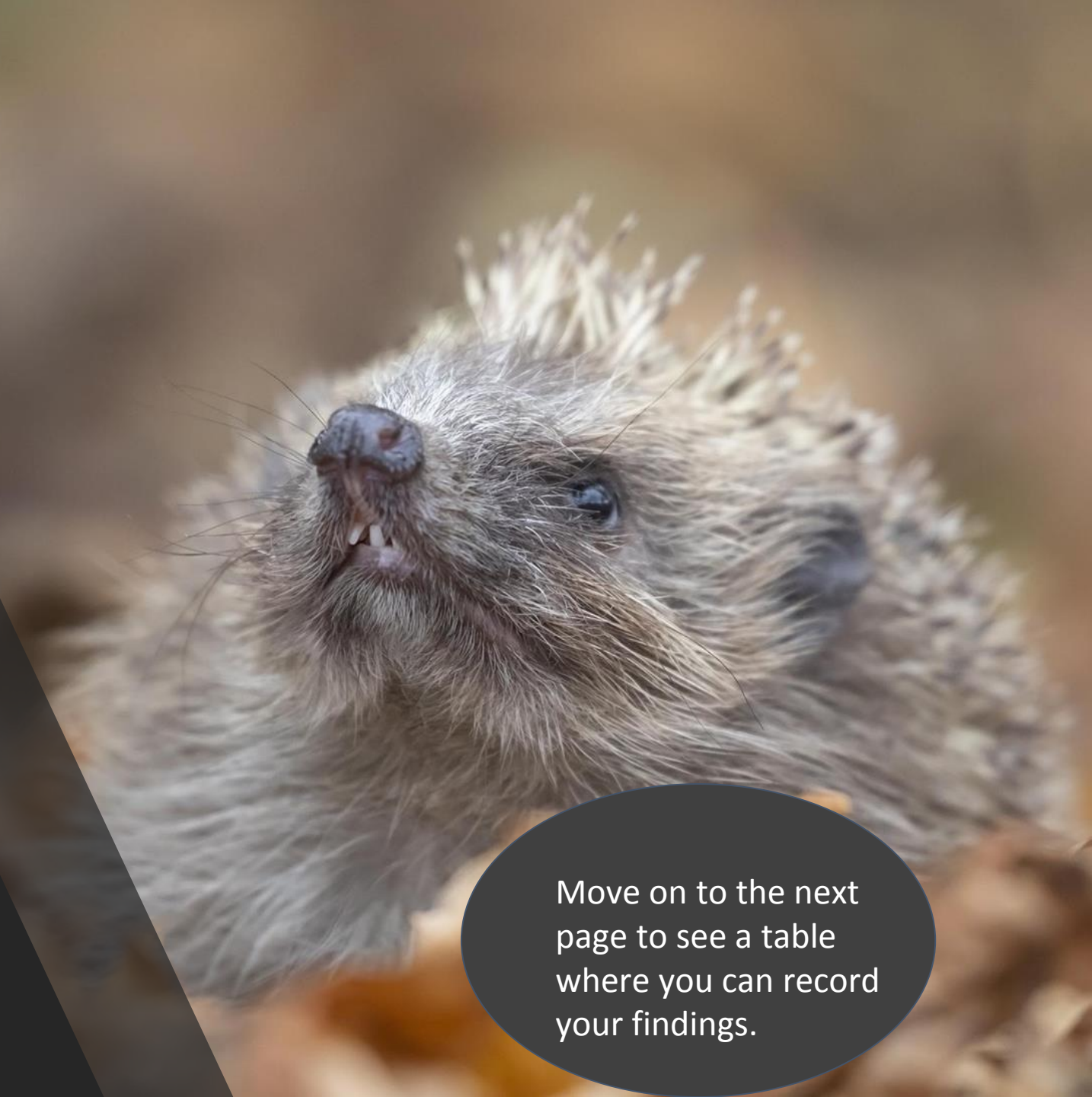


See how many different types of beetle you can find in your garden.



Perhaps you can record the types of beetle you find and where you found them.

Move on to the next page to see a table where you can record your findings.



Type of beetle		Location Where did you find it?	Colour What colours and markings can you see?	Size Is it larger or smaller than your thumb nail?	Quantity How many did you find?
Ladybird					
Soldier beetle					
Darkling beetle					
Mealworm beetle					



Hedgehogs feed on a wide range of things. Their favorite diet is made up of all sorts of minibeasts (invertebrates).



Look at your list again. What other creatures in your garden do you think hedgehogs like to eat?

Move on to the next page to discover more.







Match the words to the pictures:

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- caterpillar
- leatherjacket
- earthworm





- earwig
- millipede
- slug
- snail



Make another  
table to record  
what you find.

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# Improving your garden for hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are nocturnal, which means they come out and eat at night.

Did you know that hedgehogs can tell the time?

So, if you put food out for them at the same time each night they will learn to make a regular visit to

you







Did you know that hedgehogs have two walrus style teeth at the front of their mouths which are perfect for catching slippery worms and crunching hard beetles.



Did you know that hedgehogs can drink up to 200mls of water per night.

Putting out a bowl of fresh water every night is a great way of helping them.

In the summer months it is a good idea to fill the bowl with small pebbles to make sure their babies are safe to drink the water without drowning.







Did you know that:

- hedgehogs can be fed meat-based dog or cat food and kitten biscuits, and
- they can eat up to 50 grams of food every night.

But be careful they aren't called hogs for nothing. They will go away, digest the food, and come back for more!!!!



Did you know a hedgehog can travel over a mile a night to look for food, water and places to nest.

It is really important that you make it easy for them to get into your back garden.



You could ask your mum or dad to help you make a hole in your fence. It needs to be 13cmx13cm.

Decorate it and send us a photo of your work.








Do you think your garden  
is a good place for  
hedgehogs to find food?  
Why?



Is there anything you could  
do in your garden to  
encourage more minibeasts  
that would make good food  
for hedgehogs?





Email us a picture of the tables you completed.

And let us know how you are going to improve your garden to encourage more minibeasts that would make good food for hedgehogs.

Thank you for helping hedgehogs to survive.

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