



Be a HOUSE DETECTIVE

How many different types of wild animals and insects do you share your home with? If you look closely enough, you might be surprised! Could you be living with bugs, birds – even bats?

Carry out a survey of the inside and outside of your home to find out how many different animals and insects live right on your doorstep!

STEP 1

Draw a plan of the inside and outside of your home. Don't forget to include your loft, cellar and garage, if you have them. Insects and small animals love these dark, quiet spaces.

STEP 2

Look out for animals and insects such as flies, spiders, birds and bats, or any evidence that they've left behind. Stuff like cobwebs, nests and droppings!

STEP 3

Draw a picture of each animal you find and stick it on your plan. Find out a little bit more about the animals and insects you discover. What do they eat? Why do they like living in your house?

STEP 4

Repeat your survey at night. Do you discover different types of animals and insects?



★ Extra challenge!

Carry out the survey in your garden through the different seasons. Do you find different animals in different seasons?