

# Be a National Trust nature detective

As you walk around Toys Hill, see how many things you can spot below.



**Stag beetle** These are the largest beetles found in the UK. Are you brave enough to hold one in your hand?



**Green woodpecker** Green woodpeckers love to call hollow trees home. Give yourself points if you can



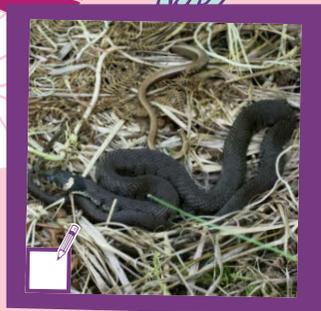
**Dragonfly** A dragonfly lands with its wings up whilst a damselfly lands with its wings down.



**Bat tower** This tower once supplied water to nearby houses, but now it's a cosy home for bats.



**Butterflies** Toys Hill has lots of colourful butterflies, like this peacock butterfly. What varieties can you spot?



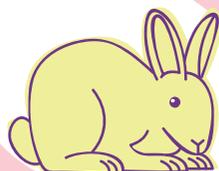
**Reptiles** See if you can spot snakes or lizards on your walk. Be careful not to disturb them though.



**Pollards** Pollarding is a pruning system, not a tree. You can easily spot pollards by their dense head of branches.



**Squirrel** The grey squirrel loves to jump through trees and forage for nuts on the ground. How many can you find?



**Wood pigeon** The wood pigeon is the largest and most common type of pigeon in the country. Count how many you spot.





# Go wild at Toys Hill and find beautiful creatures



## Where should we start our adventure?

See what you can find in the woodland, look closely at the bark on tree trunks and underneath logs, in bushes and hedges. Remember, be very, very quiet!

## What shall we take with us?

Bring the spotter list on the back of this sheet so you can check off everything you find. You might want a magnifying glass or a special bug box to look closely. If you're spotting birds, a pair of binoculars may help you.

## When can we have more adventures?

There's lots of National Trust properties nearby for you to explore. Why not walk from Toys Hill to Emmetts Garden, where there's a wild play area, tepee, discovery cabin and games! Chartwell is close too and has swings, balance beams, camps and bomb craters to explore. Keep an eye out for trails at these properties during the school holidays.