



# BIODIVERSITY WEEK FOCUS OF THE DAY HABITATS AND FOOD WEBS



- Today let's focus on the fact that all of our species of the day so far are part of a bigger picture. No biodiversity exists by itself!
- Animals, plants and all wildlife rely on each other to survive. They are all connected through what they feed on, rely on for shelter, water etc.
- A habitat is the place where plants, animals, lichens etc. live. A habitat can be large, like a woodland or river or small like the underneath a log.
- You can map out all of the connections between the community of wildlife in a habitat to create the "Web of Life" or ecosystem.
- If one part of the web is lost or damaged it effects the entire community! Every part of the web is important and plays a role in keeping the entire ecosystem healthy.
- Examples of habitats in Ireland include Woodlands, Bogs, Hedgerows, Marshes, Lakes, Rock Pools, Meadows. Each habitat will support different types of plants and animals.

**Check out some of the activities that may suit your class below!**

Senior Videos	Indoor Activities	Outdoor Activities
<a href="#">What is a Habitat</a>	Try the <a href="#">Web of Life</a> game to get a real sense of how connected things are!	Head out and carry out a mini " <a href="#">Bio Blitz</a> " on school grounds. How many different species can you find?
<a href="#">Why is Biodiversity so Important.</a> How does variety help ecosystems.	Try our <a href="#">Interactive Table Quiz</a> . We have two rounds to try!	Secondary School. Investigate your habitats and plant life with some of these <a href="#">activities</a> .
See some of Irelands diverse wildlife in <a href="#">This is Ireland</a> .	Learn more about the habitats in our <a href="#">National Parks</a> .	Primary School. Try some of these activities in our <a href="#">Primary Plant Introduction Pack</a> .