

# Habitat Heroes

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- **Species:** a group of living things that naturally produce young with other members of the same group but not with those of other groups.
- **Nocturnal:** describes a living thing that sleeps during the day but becomes active during the night. Some examples of nocturnal animals are owls, bats and hedgehogs.
- **Hibernate:** when some animals have long periods of deep sleep during cold weather. To help them prepare, hibernating animals eat lots of food during autumn so they can survive the cold winter.
- **Mammal:** A mammal is an animal that breathes air, has a backbone, and grows hair at some point during its life. In addition, all female mammals have glands that can produce milk for their young.
- **Omnivore:** Omnivores are animals that eat plants, meat, algae, and fungi.  
**Herbivore:** An herbivore is an animal that mostly feeds on plants.  
**Carnivore:** A carnivore is an animal that mostly eats meat.
- **Predator:** an animal that lives by killing and eating other animals. **Prey:** an animal that is hunted or killed by another animal for food
- **Invertebrates:** An invertebrate is an animal without a backbone.
- **Litters:** A litter is a group of babies who were born at one time from the same mother.
- **Amphibian:** An amphibian is a cold-blooded, vertebrate animal that is born in water and breathes with gills.

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- **Fledge:** young chicks stay in the nest and grow until they have the feathers needed for flying. To fledge the nest is to leave the nest.
- **Brood:** a brood is the group of babies/chicks/young of an animal. In birds and insects, a brood is hatched or cared for at one time. **Chicks:** is a way to describe baby birds. **Clutch:** A clutch is the total number of eggs a bird lays per each nesting. Some birds have more than one nesting per year.
- **Plumage:** The word plumage traces back to the French word plume, meaning feather, and it's a way of referring to all the feathers that form the colour and patterns of a bird.
- **Roost:** A roost is a place where birds or bats can sleep or rest safely. **Flock:** A flock of birds is a group of them.
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- **Insect:** Insects are a type of small invertebrate animal which are part of a larger group of invertebrates called arthropods. Insects have 3 segments making up their bodies, six jointed legs, and external skeletons (exoskeletons).
- **Caterpillar:** a small animal with a narrow body and many legs, and which feeds on the leaves of plants and later develops into a butterfly or moth.
- **Moulting:** Moulting is the shedding of the exoskeleton of the previous life stage. Since an exoskeleton is hard and rigid, insects can't grow larger inside it so they must get rid of it and grow a new one! **An exoskeleton:** is a hard covering that supports and protects the bodies of some types of animals. The word exoskeleton means "outside skeleton."
- **Metamorphosis:** is a process some animals go through to become adults. It is a series of physical changes. Metamorphosis is especially common in insects.
- **Larva:** The word larva is applied to the young of certain animals (lots of insects) that must undergo great physical changes before they become adults. **Pupate:** having complete metamorphosis that occurs between the larva and the adult, is usually enclosed in a cocoon. **Cocoon:** A cocoon is a silky web spun around the larvae of many insects. Caterpillars emerge from their cocoons as beautiful butterflies. **Chrysalis:** a moth or butterfly at the stage of growth when it is turning into an adult and is enclosed in a hard case.

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- **Evergreen:** Evergreen plants are plants that appear to never lose their leaves, because they "stay green" all year long.
- **Deciduous:** The word deciduous means "to fall off" and it relates to how the leaves of a plant or tree fall off in the autumn.
- **Wildflower:** A wildflower is any type of flower that grows naturally in the wild. Wildflowers are usually native to a certain habitat.
- **Nutrients:** Nutrients are important substances you get from food that help your body survive and grow. Plants need nutrients to grow too! Plant nutrients are found in the soil.
- **Pollen:** Pollen is a fine powder produced by most plants when they reproduce (make new plants).
- **Pollinators:** Pollinators are any animals that help spread pollen from plant to plant. Most plant species depend on pollinators to transport pollen and allow them to reproduce. Some examples of pollinators include bees, wasps, moths, butterflies, birds and bats.
- **Photosynthesis:** Photosynthesis is the process in which green plants use sunlight to make their own food.
- **Perennial:** A perennial plant is a plant that lives for more than two years. Many perennials grow and bloom over spring and summer, die back during winter, and grow again the following year from their roots.
- **Native:** Native plants are plants that grow naturally in Ireland. These plants have been here since the last Ice Age.
- **Saplings:** Is the name we give to a young tree.
- **Blossom:** to make flowers. The apple trees blossom before they grow fruit.
- **Species:** a group of living things that naturally produce young with other members of the same group but not with those of other groups.
- **Nectar:** Nectar is the sugar-rich liquid that's produced by flowers. It's a food source for many pollinating insects.
- **Dispersal:** dispersion is the way seeds are carried or spread to other places. Depending on the type of seed, they can travel by way of wind or water or be carried by birds and animals.
- **Germinate:** The seed will germinate or start to grow into a plant, if it gets enough water and sunlight.
- **Stolons:** Stolons are branches which grow from existing plants and then create roots to form new plants, sometimes we call them 'runners'.

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