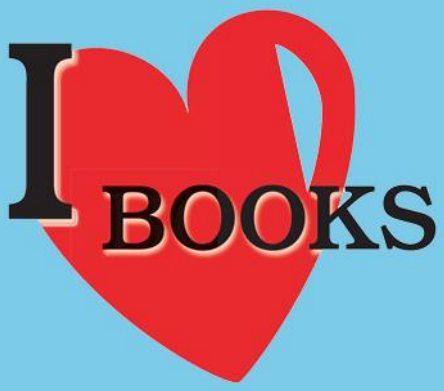



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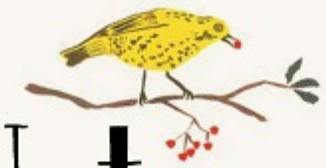
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# Nature's Day

## Out and About

Spotting, making and collecting activities

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Colouring



# Spring

If you wake up with the sun in spring, you'll hear the dawn chorus: birds of all shapes and colours singing to attract a mate. You'll also see early flowers, shoots sprouting in the soil and buds opening. Colour in this scene to show the world waking up in spring time!

# *How to... Make a Bee Hotel*

Some bees, like honeybees and bumblebees, like to live altogether in hives but there are some species that prefer to live on their own. Solitary bees make their nests in holes and tunnels in the ground, in cracks in walls or in the hollow stems of plants. You can help them by making them a home where they can raise their young.

Solitary bees are tiny – if you've seen them you might not even have realised they were bees. They will only sting you if you accidentally tread on them and even then they don't hurt! Solitary bees are helpful to gardeners because they pollinate flowers and fruit trees.

1. Wash out an old tin can, or you could use a water bottle with the top cut off.

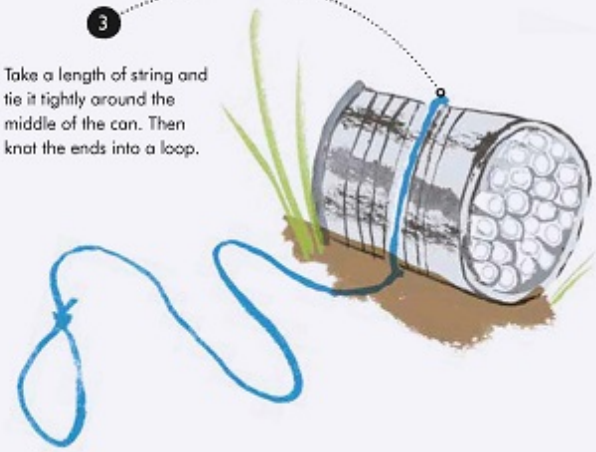


2. Drizzle some glue in the bottom of the can or bottle and then fill it with drinking straws. It should be packed full with them so they can't fall out.



The hollow straws look just like the holes and tunnels they need for their nests. If you can, use lots of different sized straws, as this will attract different kinds of solitary bee.

3. Take a length of string and tie it tightly around the middle of the can. Then knot the ends into a loop.



4. Choose a sunny spot on a wall or tree and hang your hotel up with string. Try and angle it down slightly so that the straws don't fill up with water when it rains



In spring you'll see the female bees, out and about, collecting nectar from flowers and taking it back to the nest ready for when their eggs hatch.

5. Watch and wait for the bees to come!



## Can you spot these other types of bee?

**Honeybee**



Big, covered with thick black hair

**Red Mason bee**



Small, ginger hair, with white tuft on face

**Bumblebee**



Narrow body, black and gold with big eyes

**Leafcutter**



Like a honeybee but with an orange body

**Tawny mining bee**



Ginger hair, visits holes in the ground

# Can you spot... summer leaves?

In summer, leaves have finally unfurled and trees are a mass of green. Leaves can be long, round or heart shaped and some are grouped all together like the fingers on your hand. They come in lots of different sizes and in all shades of green, so look on the trees and see which different shapes and colours you can spot.



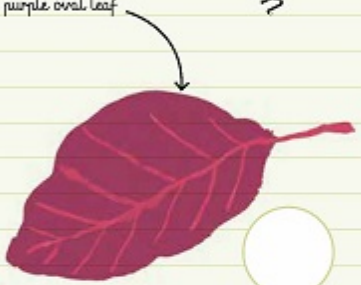
## Oak

rounded wiggly leaves



## Purple Beech

purple oval leaf



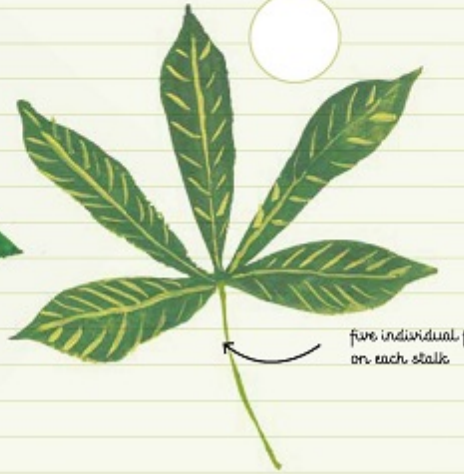
Look at the lines, or veins, along the surface of each leaf. They carry the food to the tree but they also give the leaf its shape.

## Ash

a long stalk with opposite leaves all along it



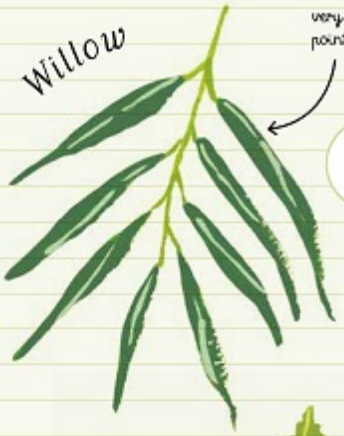
## Chestnut



five individual fingers on each stalk

## Willow

very long, thin, pointed leaves



## Hawthorn

a pretty divided leaf that looks like a little tree



Can you see the stalk that attaches each leaf to the tree?

## Lime



text to come text to come

## Sycamore



text to come text to come

Spotting

## What other leaves can you draw?: