

Minibeasts Hunt



Take a closer look at some of the minibeasts you might find in a woodland or even your garden!



Minibeasts are invertebrates and don't have backbones. In Britain, there are over 25,000 different species of invertebrates! Below are some of the most common minibeasts you might find in your local woodland, park or even your garden. Tick them off as you see them!

What you'll need

- Pen or pencil
- Minibeast checklist (below)
- Clipboard (optional – it can be easier to write and draw with)
- Magnifying glass (optional)
- Clear pot with a lid (optional)
- Paintbrush (optional)

What to do/instructions:

1. Take the minibeast checklist with you next time you are outside
2. Tick off or make a note of any of the minibeasts you spot. Can you spot them all?
3. Some minibeasts prefer to live in different places. If you are near a pond look out for dragonflies or turn over a log or a flowerpot and you may spot some woodlice
4. If you have a magnifying glass or a clear pot, pick up your minibeast and carefully place them in the pot to take a closer look. *Be very careful when picking up a minibeast and use a paint brush so you don't hurt them. Minibeasts do not have a skeleton like we do. Their skeleton is on the outside of their bodies and this is called an exoskeleton*
5. Once you have looked at your minibeasts and taken photos make sure you put them all back where you found them.

Why not download our 'How to make a Bug Hotel' activity sheet from our website and put it in your garden to welcome all kinds of minibeasts!

What marvellous minibeasts did you spot? Share your photos with us on Instagram or twitter /cityoftreesmcr



Manchester
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Minibeasts Checklist

Snail



Ladybird



Ant



Bumblebee



Woodlouse



Dragonfly



(you'll see this near water)

Spider



Worm



Moth



Grasshopper



Butterfly



Shield bug

