

# FAMILY QUEES

# BALTIC

What green things can you spot whilst out walking, in your garden or from your window?

Write down, draw or record them in some way. Here's some to get you started:

A green woodpecker...  
listen carefully;  
it has a distinctive  
'laughing' call.



A Hawthorn tree... its blossoming marks the moment when spring turns to summer.



A green hairstreak butterfly...  
the only green butterfly in the UK!



Ivy leaves

A Sand Lizard... a very rare sight in a sandy dune.

A Grasshopper



Oak leaves



# A LOOK AT LEAVES...

You will need:

- green paint
- an old toothbrush
- paper
- freshly collected leaves

Lie your leaves as flat as possible onto the paper.

Dip an old toothbrush into paint, ink or food colouring. Rub your finger over the bristles to spray paint over your page until it, and the leaves, are covered.

Remove the foliage to reveal ghostly leafy traces.

**13%** of the UK is covered in woodland<sup>1</sup>. The woodland Trust identifies **79** native, or widely-planted, British trees. These include the coppery birch, the conker-bearing horse chestnut, the spiky monkey puzzle and the ancient yew<sup>2</sup>. Which ones can you find in your local area?

BALTIC's current exhibition by artist **Abel Rodriguez** showcases detailed paintings and drawings of the Columbian Amazon's ecosystem. Rodriguez's work includes intricate details of the Nonuya region's flora and fauna based on an inherited knowledge of indigenous plants<sup>3</sup>.

Develop a further connection with your nearest green spaces by increasing the variety of plants and animals that make their homes there. Consider sowing and growing some native British wildflowers<sup>4</sup>; they're particularly popular with bees and butterflies.

<sup>1</sup> For forest facts check out: [bit.ly/factsforest](https://bit.ly/factsforest)

<sup>2</sup> Here's an A-Z of British trees: [bit.ly/AZtrees](https://bit.ly/AZtrees)

<sup>3</sup> Visit [baltic.art/abel](https://baltic.art/abel) for more information, images and virtual tours about Abel Rodriguez.

<sup>4</sup> Top wildflower planting tips here: [bit.ly/wildflowertips](https://bit.ly/wildflowertips)

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