

FAMILY QUEST

BALTIC

What yellow 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 greenfinch... spot bright yellow flashes on their wings.



A swallowtail butterfly... as a caterpillar, it emits a pineapple-like smell when threatened.



Forsythia



A heron... they have a 6ft-wide wingspan.



Bluetits



Primroses



Snails...look carefully; shells can be yellow, pink or brown with striped 'humbag' style patterns.



A daisy

A LOOK AT BUTTERFLIES

You will need:

- flower petals
- a thick book
- tissue paper
- paper
- glue
- a pen

Collect flowers whilst on a walk. Remember, don't take too many¹.

Place the petals between tissue paper and into the middle of a thick book to 'press'. Leaving them for 2-4 weeks makes the petals paper-thin. Design butterflies with petal-wings. Draw slim bodies and antennae.

There are nearly 60 species of butterfly in the UK. These flitting insects eat sugary nectar produced by plants and, during spring and summer, skitter around our hedgerows, woodland, gardens and grassland.

As masters of disguise, these colourful creatures use well-designed patterning to scare predators and can even ingest strong-smelling oil to make them taste foul².

Butterfly populations are indicators of a healthy environment and are used by scientists to signal the effect of habitat loss and climate change on the wider animal world. At BALTIC, our exhibition *Animalesque / Art Across Species and Beings*³ is inspired by our relationships with animals and how we impact their habitats through the choices we make.

Consider being a butterfly-ally by planting and encouraging flutter-friendly greenery within your own community spaces⁴.

¹ Forage safely and sustainably... bit.ly/foraging-guidelines

² For butterfly information and identification bit.ly/rspb-butterfly

³ bit.ly/animalesque-baltic for more information, images, virtual tours and podcasts about *Animalesque*.

⁴ Plant the garden of your butterfly-dreams bit.ly/nhm-butterfly

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