



**HOPETOUN**  
SCOTLAND'S FINEST STATELY HOME



## NATURE DETECTIVES

Use your good observation and wildlife watching skills to spot the nature detectives clues in the grounds at Hopetoun.

Try to solve the mystery of the empty home and figure out what might live here:



The options for who lives here are:

- |   |                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grey Squirrel? | <input type="checkbox"/> Badger?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owl?           | <input type="checkbox"/> Frog?     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spider?        | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Tit? |



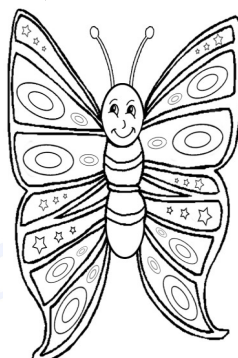
Explore the grounds to find animal homes using the map on page 2 and the clues given below. This will help you with your investigation and after collecting all 5 clues, you should know who lives in the home shown above.

**They can be done in any order. Visit the ranger centre if you want to borrow a clipboard.**



Head for the **round pond** where the green star is, home to a selection on small critters and birds. Find the picture board under the tree that will tell you which animal lives near here.

Draw a picture of the animal and its home:



Look at the big grey, beech tree to the right of the round pond where the red star is. Keen nature detectives will spot a big hole in the tree which used to be home to this nocturnal bird of prey. Which animal lives here?

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Clue: They can turn their heads almost all the way around!

The coloured stars on the map show where exploring Nature Detectives might be able to find clues to help solve the mystery of the empty home.



The Sea Walk Trail with its blue arrows will guide you to find clues near the purple star, look for

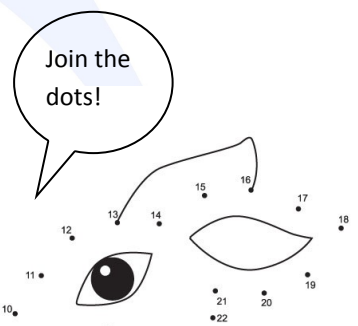
**Post 6**

Find evidence of animals feeding on the ground, and look in the trees, which animal lives here in this DREY?

Clue-its name rhymes with DREY.

What size of ball do you think this nest is :

- Football? Cricket Ball?
- Beach Ball?



**★** Walking towards the Deer park, where the blue star is on the map, you will find a home of some mini creatures,

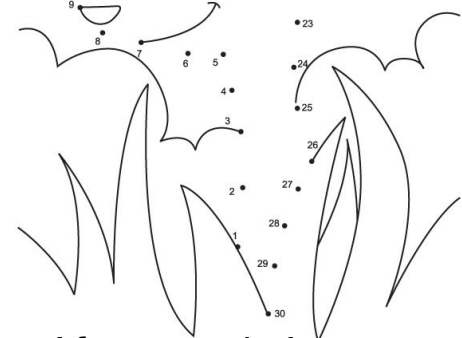
Spot the clue in the habitat pile to figure out which animal lives here:

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**★** The orange star leads you to the Cannons where you should solve the riddle to find out which animal lives in this home on the tree.

The riddle told me that the animal home on the tree belongs to:

B \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_



After completing my nature detective investigation, the animal that I think lives in the empty home is:

A \_\_\_\_\_ !