

Lady Bird - Look for them amongst the foliage. Ladybirds are a gardener's friend because they feed on aphids or greenfly.

Honey Bee - They don't just make honey! Look for them visiting flowers all around the Garden. They visit open flowers to collect nectar and transfer pollen from one flower to another thereby pollinating the plants.

Butterfly - Several different butterflies visit the flowers in the Garden on sunny days for energy-rich nectar. Look especially for red Admiral, Peacock and painted Lady.

Robin - Our Robins in the Garden are quite tame. They may be bringing up young at this time of year so they are busy collecting grubs and other insects to feed their babies.

Terrapin - Our Yellow-bellied Slider Terrapins come from North America but are living happily in our pond where they eat pondweed, insects and pond snails. They spend most of their time in the water, just coming up for air, but they also love to bask in the sunshine.

Land Hopper - If you lift up some fallen dead leaves or leaf litter, you may see little jumping creatures. These are a land-living type of shrimp. They come from Australia but have been accidentally spread in the soil when plants have been imported.

Damsel Fly - Look round the ponds on a sunny day you may see Small Red and Common Blue Damselflies. They spend most of their lives as nymphs under water, but then the adults emerge and fly around looking for a mate.

Red Squirrel - They are very shy, look for them in the quieter wooded parts of the Garden. The Isle of Wight is one of the very last places in England where only Red Squirrels can still be seen. On most of the mainland, the introduced Grey Squirrel has taken over.

Lizard - The lizards are usually heard before they are seen, scuttling through the leaf litter in the Mediterranean Garden. On sunny days they bask in the sunshine or hunt insect prey on the south facing slopes, especially the Arid Garden.

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Nature Hunt!



What can you find in the nooks & crannies of Britain's Hottest Garden?

Explore the garden and try to find each of the creatures.





Use the boxes provided as a checklist to see

how many of each creature you can find!

