

**Bee Home**

Make a home for a solitary bee. With some adult help cut the top off a large plastic drink bottle and tie a bundle of bamboo canes of different thickness cut to the same length. Put the bundle in the bottle and tuck some wool or something similar in the gap. Tie string round the bottle and hang it in a dry, sunny, sheltered spot. (You could use an old mug instead of a plastic bottle - hang it by the handle!)



*1 hour CU learning credit upon submission of a photo or bring your 'home' (minus any bees!) in to school.*

**Snail Survey**

In your chosen area collect as many snails as you can and dab a little non-toxic paint on their shells. Count how many and then release them. After a few days return to your spot and count how many with and without spots. The number of snails in your area will be the answer to this sum:

No. of snails in first visit x no. in second visit

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No. of marked snails in second visit

*1 hour CU Learning credit upon submission of photo and answer to the sum!*



**Attracting bees**

Can you draw a picture of a garden that would be good for encouraging bees to visit? Add some labels.  
 For inspiration try:

<http://wildaboutgardens.org.uk/>

Where you will find a guide to bees that you can download.

*1 hour CU learning credit on submission of your picture*

**Wildlife Watch Hedgehog Award**

The Wildlife Watch Hedgehog Award is a simple and fun way to earn an award while exploring nature in different ways. Choose and complete eight wildlife activities from the list of choices to collect stamps. When you have completed eight activities and gained eight stamps you'll get a certificate and a very cool Hedgehog Award icon to display on your profile page. For more information go to:

<http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/awards-information-page>



*8 hour CU Learning credit upon submission of a copy of your certificate*

**Eric Carle Art**

Head to your local library to look at some Eric Carle books for younger children (or you might have your own copies). Eric did some great illustrations for his insect-inspired books. Can you produce some simple Eric Carle inspired pictures using collage?

*1 hour CU learning credit on submission of your picture(s)*



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**Solitary bees**

Solitary bees are often overlooked but they are actually better at pollinating flowers than honey bees. What else can you find out about solitary bees? Can you make a leaflet with at least 5 facts about solitary bees, or 5 or more individual fact cards.

You could try [www.growwilduk.com/bees-pollinators](http://www.growwilduk.com/bees-pollinators)

*1 hour CU Learning credit upon submission of leaflet/cards*



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