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**Nature**  
 detectives



**Ready to get detecting?**  
 Keep your eyes peeled for signs of autumn



**Look out**  
 Try sitting super still and keeping quiet – what can you spot?



**Butterflies**

Red admiral, speckled wood and brimstone butterflies still flutter during autumn.



**Galls**

Look out for knopper galls, spangle galls, marble galls and cola nut galls.



**Ivy**

Ivy flowers provide valuable late nectar for butterflies and bees.



**Harvestmen**

Spot these arachnids on oak bark (and sometimes in your home!).



**Mushrooms**

How many different types of mushroom can you find?



**Webs**

Keep your eyes peeled for spider webs glistening in morning dew or frost.



**Skeletons**

Spotted any delicate leaf skeletons on the woodland floor?

*Astounding Autumn!*



**Birds**

Find them flocking around berry-laden trees, and feasting on the fruit.



**Squirrels**

During autumn, squirrels are busy gathering (or caching) nuts and seeds such as acorns.



**Owls**

Can you hear tawny owls calling 'twit twoo' to each other during the evenings?



**Badgers**

Keep your eyes peeled for old bedding left outside the sett.

**Did you find them all?**

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