

# I-SPY



## at Conygre Mead.

Can you spot these animals and plants as you walk around the reserve?

Tick the circles.

### Thick legged flower beetle.

A bright green beetle with thick back legs. It feeds on pollen and nectar on flowers.



**Fact:** It lays its eggs in the bark of trees.

### Red-tailed Bumble bee.

Black bodied bees with an orange tail.



**Fact:** They collect pollen from flowers and store it in baskets on their back legs.

### Gatekeeper butterfly.

A small butterfly with orange patches on its wings.



**Fact:** Their caterpillars feed on grasses and live for 8 months, but the adults only live for a few weeks.

### Yellow Rattle.

Walk through the flower slope and listen. Can you hear the ripe seeds rattling in their pods?



**Fact:** This meadow plant feeds from grass roots and stops them from growing really tall.

### 7 spot Ladybird.

The bright colours of these beetles warn predators that they don't taste nice!



**Fact:** Ladybirds often lay still, pretending to be dead.

### Common Blue Butterfly.

The wings are blue on males and brownish on females. Both have orange and brown spots on the under side of their wings.



**Fact:** They lay eggs on the yellow birds foot trefoil.

### Comfrey.

Bees love comfrey.



**Fact:** Some bees have short tongues and can't reach the nectar in these flowers. So, they cheat and make a little hole in the side of the petals.

Can you find any holes?

