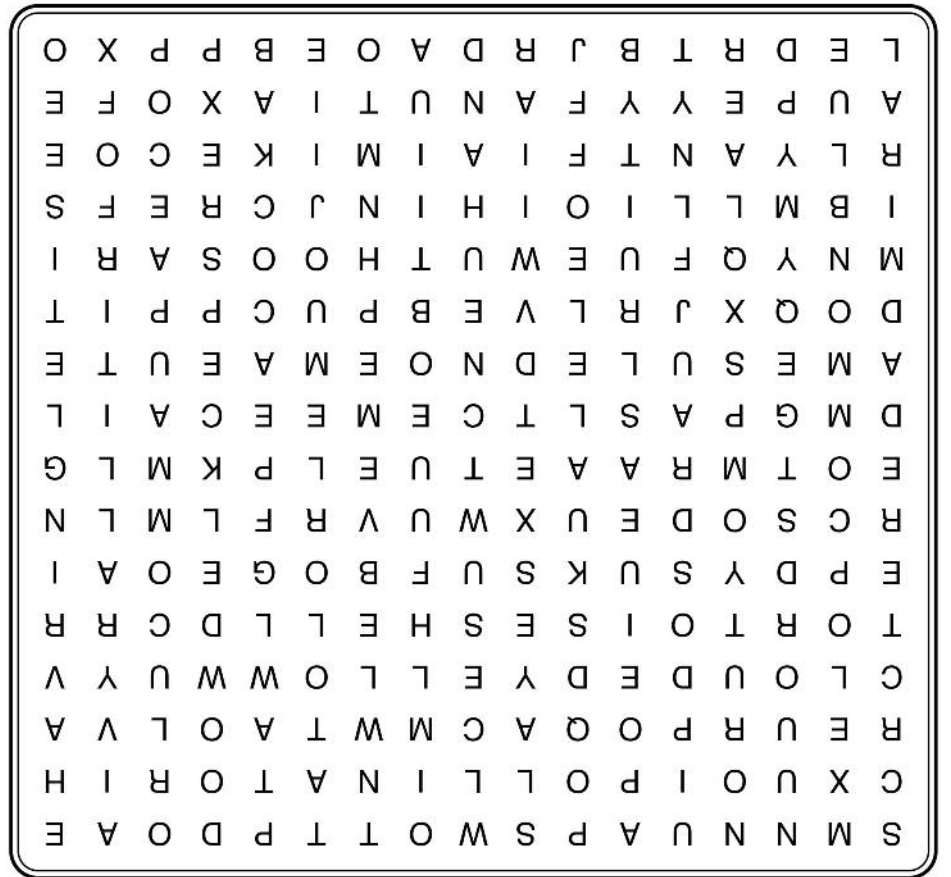


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clouded yellow common blue green veined speckled wood
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find them in the grid before you try and find them in the wild!

W o r l d s e a r c h

Find the butterflies



clouded yellow



green veined white



peacock



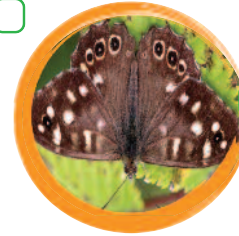
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How many did you find?



Páirceanna Náisiúnta National Parks

The National Parks and Wildlife Service have 6 National Parks around Ireland and lots of Nature Reserves. Wherever you visit this summer, you're sure to be close to a NPWS site!



Summer in Ireland

2021



from the
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You may see frogs in summer when they leave their pond but they've done a lot of growing before then.
First the adult frog will lay lots of tiny eggs called frogspawn which will then turn into tadpoles. Tadpoles will change in to frogs over the course of about 14 weeks. First they need to grow legs, starting with the back and then the front. Their body will start to change as well, losing the tadpole tail and forming lungs so that they can survive on the land. Adult frogs aren't as reliant on the water and can happily survive out of it, returning to the water when they fancy a splash around.

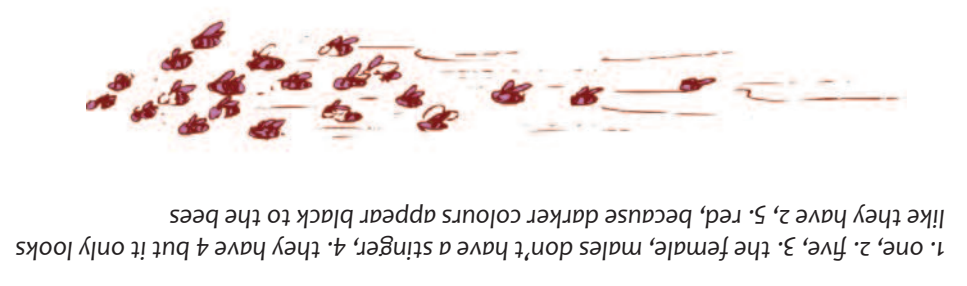
Frogs

bees



Bees, along with other animals like butterflies and birds, are very important pollinators. Pollen needs to be moved from one plant to another in order for them to make more plants and flowers.
Think you know your bees? Then try these!
(answers at the bottom but no peeking)

- 1. How many species of honey bee are there in Ireland?
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- 2. How many eyes do bees have?
.....
- 3. Which bumblebees sting, male or female?
.....
- 4. How many wings do bees have?
.....
- 5. What's a bees least favourite colour?
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Grasshoppers can be seen between April and October. They live on the ground and are green or brown or a mixture of the two. They can jump between 10 and 20 times their own body length and have powerful back legs which are longer than their other legs.



Everyone recognises the ladybird. The most common one in Ireland is the seven spot but 19 species of ladybird have been recorded here, whilst about 5000 different types are found around the world. The bright colours warn any predators that they don't taste very nice which helps them survive.

Dragonflies have a wide variety of colours and transparent wings. They capture their food in mid air and eat flies, midges and mosquitoes but will also eat butterflies and sometimes, smaller dragonflies!

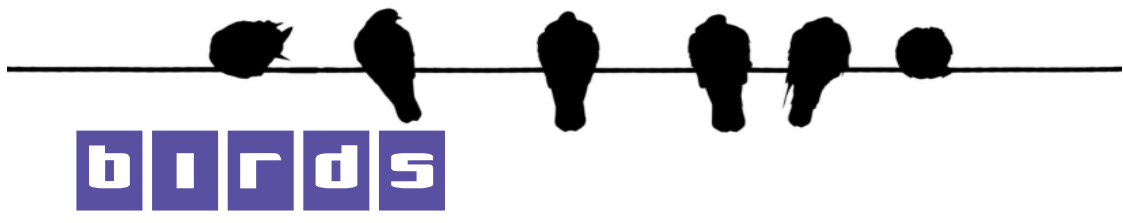


Summer?

how does this

work as a migration

Migrator



What is migration?

When birds migrate they move from one place to another. They need to find somewhere warmer, where there is plenty of food and where their offspring will be safe.

Which birds migrate to Ireland in the Spring?

The birds most people will see and be familiar with are the Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin and Cuckoo.

How do birds know when to migrate?

Most often it's the length of daylight and the changing of the temperature that indicates the time for birds to migrate. It has to be carefully planned; leave too early and they may not have eaten enough to give them the energy to complete the journey, too late and they may run in to bad weather.

The smallest migratory bird in the world is the Hummingbird

The longest migration is done by the Arctic Tern at over 70,000 km!!!