

Session One

Exploring Nature

Location: Outside

Aims:

- Understand what the ranger program is
- Find some wildlife
- Identify some plants
- Be aware of different types of trees

What we will cover:

- Introduction to Nature

Activity:

- Tree Hunt
- Plant Search
- Flower Finder
- Animal Ark

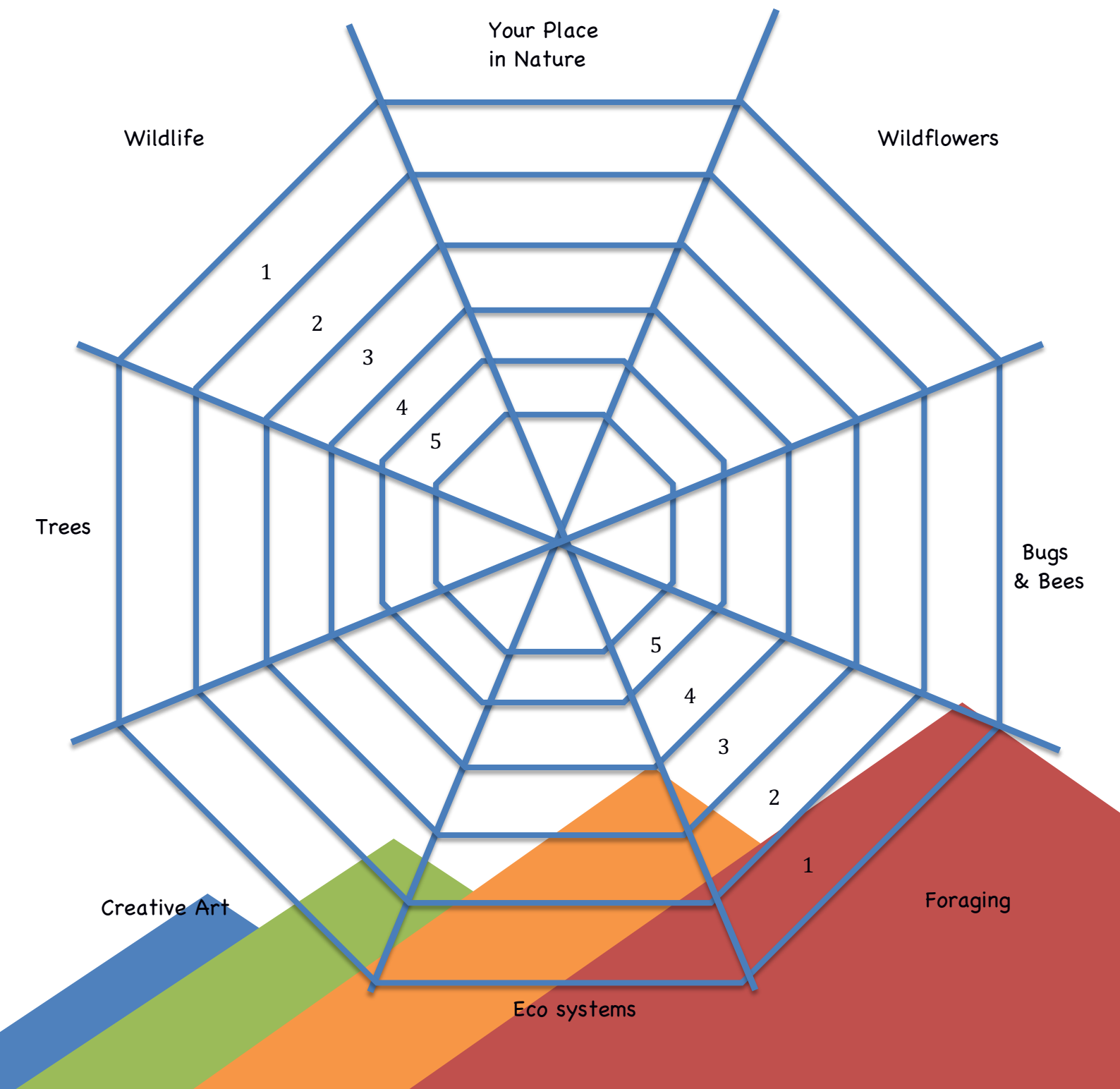
Ranger Work:

- Spider's web
- Tree, Plant & Flower ID
- Animal Record (Ark)



Spider's Web

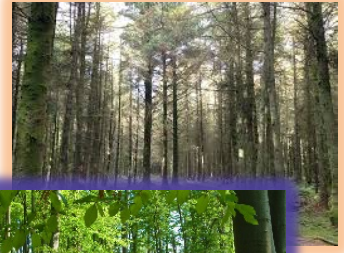
Colour in the web to show how much you know about each topic.
Colour closer to the middle the more you know, don't worry if
you don't know much at the moment! Hopefully we'll get closer
to the middle by the end of the course.



Trees and plant life



The Island is full of many different types of trees, such as Pine, Spruce, Larch and Fir trees in our Plantations and Oak, Sycamore, Horse Chestnut, Beech, Cherry and Palm Trees in our Parks and Glens.



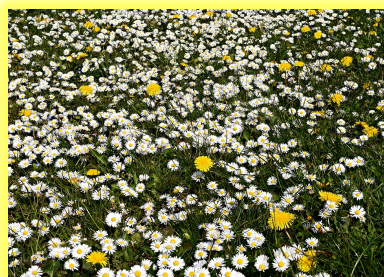
Smaller plant life thrives in Glens and Plantations because the weaker plants get protection from the trees, such as Ferns, Bluebells and Wild Garlic.



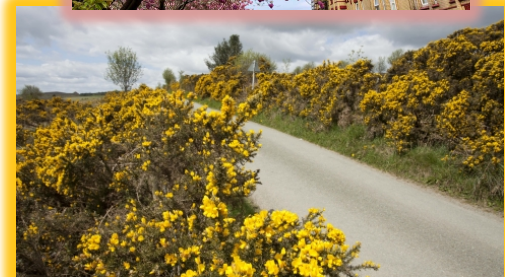
Another area where you will find lots of different plants is in and around hedges. Common plants to find might be Foxgloves, Sorrell, Nettles and Brambles



During the spring and summer months flowers bloom creating a colourful glorious smelling environment that allows animal life to thrive.



Examples of these are Bluebells, Primroses, Daisies, Dandelions, Wild Garlic Flowers, Cherry Blossoms and Gorse.




You might be able to find some of these in your own garden, local Park or Glen.

Go on a Nature Walk, what can you find??

In the boxes below, or on separate pieces of paper (this is your chance to get Arty!), draw or stick photos of what you can find in your garden, local park or glen. Try to give at least 3 examples of each.

Trees



Plants

Flowers

Animal life

Like the plant life, animal life comes in all shapes and sizes. From Ants to Wallabies, Oyster Catchers to Butterflies, the Island is home to many different animals. Here are some examples of wild animals you might be able to find:

Small animals:

Catepillars, Ants, Bees, Ladybirds, Butterflies, Snails and Earth Worms.



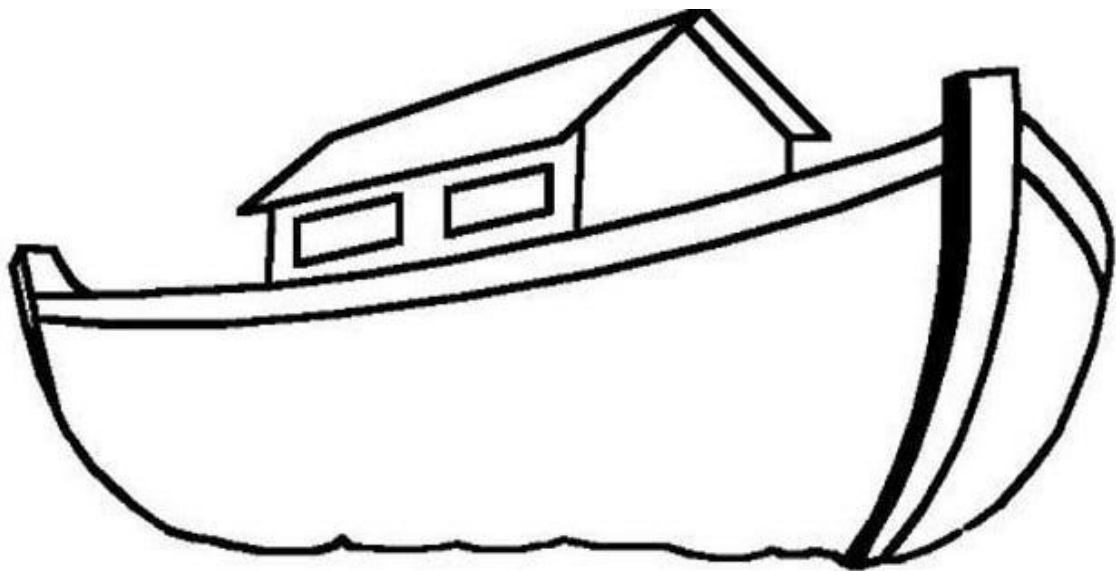
Larger animals: Gulls, Thrushes, Wild Goats, Owls, Rabbits, Ducks, Hedgehogs, Pheasants and Wallabies.



The Animal Ark

Over the coming week see how many birds, animals and bugs you can spot. Put drawings, names or pictures of the creatures you find in the Ark.

Maybe you could get a larger sheet of paper and draw your own big Ark so you and your family or classmates can all add to it.



Next week we'll be learning more about:
Trees