



What Habitat do I Live in?

Activity Instructions:

- Print each individual slide (Think Green! laminate if you wish to reuse them)
 - 12 Species cards & 12 Habitat cards
- Divide your group in two
- Divide out the Species Cards to one group & the Habitat Cards to the other group
- The students with the Species Cards have to find their matching Habitat

Encourage plenty of discussion & questioning!

Bat (e.g. Lesser horseshow bat)

Native, rare & endangered



HABITAT:

I live in old houses or caves nearby forests, or in man made roosts

OTHER FACTS:

Bats are nocturnal flying mammals

There are about 1,240 bat species worldwide, in Ireland there are 9 species

I use echolocation to hunt my prey

I eat beetles, spiders & flies

I am eaten by (predators) domestic cats & bigger birds, e.g. sparrow hawk

I like to live by the forest



HABITAT:

- ✓ Old houses
- ✓ Caves nearby forests
- ✓ Man made roosts

Heron (e.g. Grey Heron)

Native & common



HABITAT:

I live in wetlands, estuaries or along the rivers

My home is a nest made of twigs, grass & often is located on a tree

OTHER FACTS:

I eat fish, amphibians, small mammals, insects & reptiles

My eggs & young may be eaten by mammals such as otter, fox or pine marten or bigger birds

I like to live near wetlands, estuaries or along the rivers



HABITAT:

My home is a nest made of twigs and grass and often located on a tree

Fish (e.g. Atlantic Salmon)

Native & Endangered



HABITAT:

When I am young I live in the river & then in the Atlantic Ocean as I get older.

My home is called "red" and is located in gravelly spot in the stream

OTHER FACTS:

I am called ANADROMOUS because I can live both in the river and the sea

I eat larvae, insects, worms, shellfish & other fish

I am eaten by other fish or birds such as Herons

I like to live in the river or stream & in the Atlantic Ocean



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Otter (Eurasian Otter)

Native, Stable & Protected



HABITAT:

I live in a holt, that has been vacated by other animals

My favourite location will be by any aquatic environment located by the forest

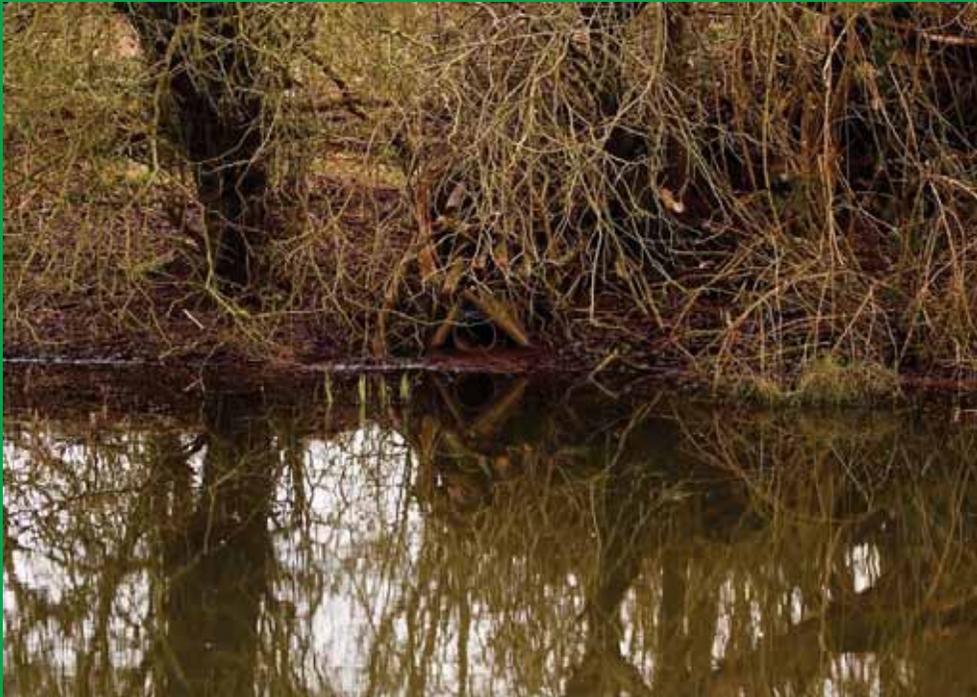
OTHER FACTS:

I am a nocturnal carnivorous mammal.

I eat fish such as salmon, eel, frogs, crab & also birds, such as ducks

Human disturbance & falling water quality levels are a threat to the Irish otter population

I like to live nearby water with the forest as shelter



Habitat:

I live in a holt, that has been vacated by other animal

Spider e.g. Raft Spider

Native & Common



HABITAT:

Spiders web – Spiders produce a special kind of silk that they use to build a shelter & to trap their pray

Spiders can live nearly everywhere e.g. forests or grasslands or even by water

OTHER FACTS:

There are approximately 1,107 species of ARACHNID in Ireland

I eat insects such as flies, wasps or bees & other smaller spiders

I am eaten by birds & frogs

I can live anywhere, but I really like the woods & grasslands



Habitat:

Spiders web – Spiders produce special kind of silk that they use to build a shelter & to trap their pray

Woodlouse

Common



HABITAT:

I live in dark, humid hidden places underneath dead leaves or fallen branches

OTHER FACTS:

32 species of woodlouse in Ireland, 3,500 worldwide

I eat dead or decaying plant matter – I am the 'ultimate recycler'!

I am eaten by birds, small mammals or spiders

I like to live in the shadow of the woods



Habitat:

I live in dark, humid places, underneath dead leaves or fallen branches

Squirrel (Red Squirrel)

Native & Common



HABITAT:

My home is a drey, which is a nest made of twigs located on the tree

OTHER FACTS:

Squirrels are Omnivorous rodents & are common in Ireland

I eat pine cones, hazelnuts & ripe acorns

I am eaten by foxes or bigger birds, such as owls

I like to live in the forest



HABITAT:

My home is a drey,
which is a nest made
of twigs located on
the tree

Pine Martin

Native & Rare (but numbers are improving)



HABITAT:

I can adapt any den sites such as an old bird nest, squirrel drey or even live in rock crevices or tree cavities

I prefer coniferous woodland

Other facts:

I am a nocturnal mammal

I am eaten by eagles & foxes

I eat frogs, beetles, earthworms, I also like to treat myself to honey, berries & mushrooms

I like to live in forests, preferably coniferous types of trees



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Bee

30% of Bee Species in Ireland are threatened with extinction, and they are not protected by law



HABITAT

I live in a hive, in the hollow of the tree, or in a man-made hive

I prefer locations nearby flowers & plants

OTHER FACTS:

There are 97 bee species in Ireland

I pollinate: flowers, fruits & vegetables

Adult bees eat, pollen, honey & sugar liquid, called nectar

Larva of a new queen bee eat royal jelly which is made by mature bee workers

I am eaten by birds & some mammals

I like to live nearby flowers & plants



In a hive there is

- ✓ a queen-mother
- ✓ Workers-females food foragers
- ✓ drones- male bees



HABITAT:

I live in a beehive,
in the hollow of a tree,
or in a man-made hive

Wren Common



Habitat

I live in a nest in the hollow of a tree or in a nest box

OTHER FACTS:

As winter can be harsh, in order to keep warm, wrens stay together in one nest throughout the coldest months

I eat mostly insects such as beetles and flies & spiders

I am eaten by mammals, such as Pine Marten or foxes

I like to live in the woods



HABITAT:

I live in a nest in the hollow of a tree or in a nest box

Chaffinch

Common



HABITAT:

I live in a nest, of moss & dried grass - often camouflaged with lichens & cobwebs, in a fork near the end of a branch

OTHER FACTS:

Sedentary, which means, they live in Ireland throughout the year, but during the Autumn they are joined by migrants from Scandinavian countries

I eat seeds, split grain & beechnuts. Feeds young on insects

I am eaten by bigger birds & mammals such as squirrels

I like to live in the forest



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Frog

Common frog – *Rana Temporaria*, is the only native frog in Ireland



HABITAT:

As an amphibian, I can live on land & in the water

We hibernate for winter in a heap of compost, old logs or underneath stones

OTHER FACTS:

The only amphibians in Ireland are the Natterjack Toad, the Smooth Newt & the Common Frog

Tadpoles feed on algae & small aquatic insects

Adults eat slugs & insects such as flies, mosquitos, moths & dragonflies

I am eaten by otters, foxes & herons

I like to live by the water



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