

Template of Whole School Approach with An Choill Bheag as a School Educational Resource

- 1 Below is an example of how the whole school can use their An Choill Bheag as an educational resource in a simple and accessible way.

- 2 Teachers only have to focus and familiarise themselves with 1 - 2 species of trees and one type of insect/animal and habitat. This means that teachers are not overloaded with more work and are not expected to become tree experts! You just need to know enough about your trees and your insect/animal/habitat! Teachers can always swop around the trees – these are only a suggestion to get the school started and focused.

- 3 Using this approach, the students will move up through the classes and will meet all of the trees and insects/animals and habitats over their years in the school

- 4 Make your own class log pile around your tree in An Choill Bheag and study/record this as your class habitat. This is the best 'Insect Hotel' you could create!

- 5 Notice Board to communicate the message to the wider school. Create a LEAF/An Choill Bheag noticeboard. Record the insects, birds and animals found and seen in An Choill Bheag. Record weather and other observations

TEACHER Support Sheet 7

WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH

AN CHOILL
BHEAG

Class/Rang	Trees to Identify, investigate and research	Biodiversity to focus on (Use ID keys and Sheets)	Activity - Habitat study
Naíonán Bheaga	Oak	Ladybirds	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Naíonán Mhóra	Holly	Butterflies	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Rang 1	Birch and Crab Apple	Birds	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Rang 2	Wild Cherry and Elder	Bumble Bees	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Rang 3	Guelder Rose and Hazel	Spiders	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Rang 4	Hawthorn and Rowan	Bats	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Rang 5	Spindle and Blackthorn	Shield bugs and Beetles	Make a class log pile and study who lives there
Rang 6	Alder and Wayfaring Tree (Yew and Willow)	Dragonflies and Damselflies	Make a class log pile and study who lives there