

#NeverStopExploring even while staying #SafeAtHome



You may not be able to get out and explore nature, you may not even have a garden or green space nearby to explore but nature is all around us! Even our houses are often homes or habitats for lots of other little bugs. Spiders and woodlice can often be seen crawling along our floors or the corners of our houses, as Spring is in full swing, we will see lots more flying insects enter our homes, bees, flies and maybe even butterflies. If you have a garden, no matter what the size, there will be loads to see! So why not start exploring and take a closer look at what is growing and living in and around your house!

We have selected a few suitable LEAF / Choill Bheag resources that could easily be done while staying #SafeAtHome. Check out the links below!



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Species Investigation – look for bugs, flowers, trees and use these sheets to record what you find. Don't get hung up on the names, simply have fun recording the shape, colour and textures!

- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/LEAF-Worksheet-Species-Investigation.pdf>

Feed the birds! Create your own bird feeders and record the birds that visit your garden.

- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/LEAF-Activity-Fainne-Ean.pdf>
- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/LEAF-Activity-Apple-Feeder.pdf>

Record the trees you can see from your window or that are growing in your garden.

- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/AnCB-WS5-Tree-ID.pdf>

What Habitat do I Live in? A fun activity to find out where different species live. This activity can be adapted to use in the home setting.

- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/LEAF-Activity-What-Habitat-do-I-Live-in.pdf>

Eye Spy with My Little Eye - The list is long but if you look hard enough many of these can be found in your garden. An example of 'A Carnivore' could be a spider and 'A Herbivore' could be a woodlouse.

A follow up worksheet is available for you to draw or write about what you spotted.

- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/LEAF-Activity-Eye-Spy.pdf>

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- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/LEAF-Worksheet-Eye-Spy-Follow-Up.pdf>

Planting - Looking to do some planting in your garden while staying [#SafeAtHome](#)? Check out our LEAF Activity - School Gardens for People and Wildlife. The plants and food crops listed in Table 1 & 2 could just as easily be planted in your garden!

- <https://leafireland.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/LEAF-Activity-School-Gardens-for-People-and-Wildlife.pdf>

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