

Activity: Garden Hoop Surveys

Kit needed: Hola hoop or square, notepads/ paper, pens, pencils, optional magnifying glass

Group/ family size: 1+

Age Group: 3+

Location: Grassy area in back garden or secluded spot in a local green space

Learning about flowers, grasses, invertebrates/insects

Instructions:

Every participant stands on a line and throws their hula hoop into a space in front of them. Approach the hoop and examine what you have surrounded. Write or draw what you have found in your hoop using the table or template. Remember to keep a record and a tally and when you have done this once you can continue throwing the hoop from where you are standing and see if you can survey your whole garden or chosen area.

Additional comments:

You can make a square to survey with by tying 4 sticks together at the corners with string to form a square frame also known as a simple quadrat

Younger children can draw what they have found, and older children can name them in the table

Use additional resource guides to learn about common species

Be careful not to throw your hoop at anyone or squash any wildlife.

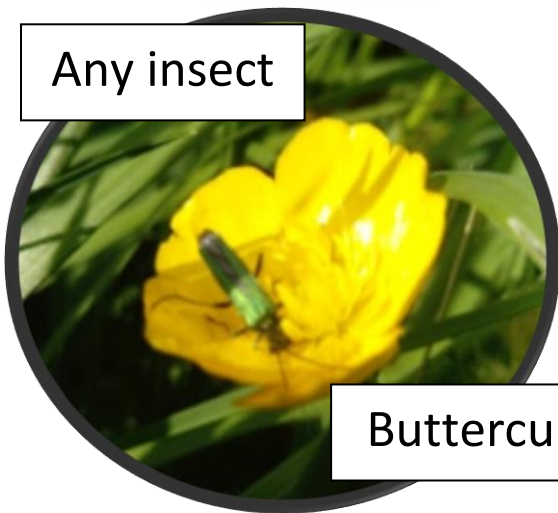
Watch out for stinging insects, brambles and nettles.



Stitchwort



Red clover



Any insect

Buttercup



Dandelion clock



Vetch



3 types of grass



Goose grass/ sticky weed

In my hoop I found:



It is called.....

It has legs

It was.in colour

Hoop Survey Results

Date	Surveyor (That's you!)	Location	Hoop Throw	Species found	How many?	Total