

## Treasure Keeper

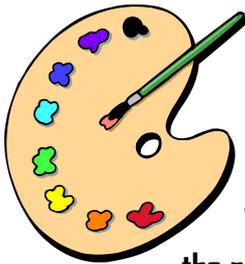


Fancy getting out into the great outdoors, rather than sitting in watching endless telly? This might be your big chance! Why not look into it today?

Wildflowers, butterflies and birds' eggs were once collected in their thousands. **It is now a criminal offence to collect many of these things!** Sadly, though, some people still take rare species from the wild for their own pleasure. It's best to collect your wildlife only as memories and photos in a nature diary.



- Use an old file or scrapbook.
- Write in it as often as you can. The more you get out into nature, the more you'll be able to write. Include the date, the weather conditions, and the place.
- Try to write in lots of detailed descriptions of things you see, hear, smell and touch. (It's not always a good idea to taste in the wild, unless you really know what you are doing.)
- Write in observations you make. It will make it much more interesting to read later. What can you see? What can you hear? What can you smell? How do things feel?
- You could illustrate it with photos, or with your own drawings. (You'll need to be a much better artist than me!) You might include maps, postcards, leaflets, feathers, fur, small bones, leaves and seedcases. Whatever you find really.



- You could make yourself a little artist's pallet like this one. Take a glue pen out with you. Take a petal from flowers you see, or a leaf. Try to make up your pallet with as many natural colours as you can.
- Perhaps your local Wildlife Trust can point you in the right direction to see wildlife near you.
- Remember: When you go into the countryside, take only your memories and photos. Leave nothing but your footprint!

**You might become a famous scientist or diarist someday, and your diaries might be very important!**

**Wildlife Watch** is the junior branch of The Wildlife Trusts and the UK's leading environmental action club for kids. If you care about nature and the environment and want to explore your local wildlife – this is the club for YOU!

There are **150,000** Wildlife Watch members around the UK. Taking part in Wildlife Watch is an exciting way to explore your surroundings and get closer to the wildlife you share it with.