

## Sounds and smells of spring – things to do

You can either print this page or use a tablet or phone and record your findings and notes.



Robin singing

### Hear a bird singing

Listen first thing in the morning when you wake up. You might hear birds singing such as a Robin, Black bird, or Great tit. Try to remember what they sound like, then listen to bird calls online and see if you can identify which birds you have heard. Birds are singing, particularly male birds, to say “this is my territory” and they are showing off to females. The better their song, the stronger and fitter they are, so females may choose to mate with them and have strong, healthy young.

Which birds did you hear?

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How did it make you feel?

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Sweet violet

### Smell three flowers

Do any flowers in your garden or park have a nice smell, a horrible smell or no smell at all? Tell someone which is your favourite, and try to find out what type of flower it is.

What types of flowers did you smell?

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What did they smell like?

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White tailed queen bee

### Hear a bumblebee buzzing

Each species of bee has a different sound to its buzz. Honey bees have their own quiet buzz, bumblebees all sound different, and flies (including hoverflies) even have their own pitch to their buzz. If you practice listening, you may be able to guess the type of bee is visiting your garden with your eyes shut. Try testing your family.

Which bee or fly had the loudest buzz?

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Which was the quietest?

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