

Cornish Horizons nature find and seek



Have fun in Cornwall and see how many of these animals and plants you can find!

At the beach



seals

Grey seals spend a lot of time out at sea where they hunt and eat. Their favourite foods are cod and eels.



shrimp

Shrimp are a sandy brown colour so they can hide from predators. You'll find lots of them in the rockpools.



mussels

Mussels attach themselves to rocks along the coast. They close up when the tide is out but when the tide comes in and covers them they open up to eat.



crabs

Crabs live in all kinds of habitats like mud, sand, rockpools, under rocks and seaweed. They can't walk forwards - they can only walk sideways!



seaweed

Lots of kinds of seaweed grow all along the coast. It provides homes and shelter for lots of animals.



oystercatchers

Oystercatchers can be black or black and white. They have red legs and a red bill which they can use to open mussels and oysters and to hunt for worms.



starfish

Starfish eat mussels, clams, oysters and some snails. They live on the ocean floor or in seaweed forests but you can sometimes see them on the beach or in rockpools.



jellyfish

Jellyfish live out at sea but can get washed up onto the beach. Never touch them as they can sting!



shells

The shells you find all along the beach are the old homes of little animal like clams and mussels - see how many different kinds you can find!

Always remember to:
Return everything to where you found it



In the countryside



robins

Robins are easily recognised by the orangey-red patch on their fronts. They eat worms, spiders and insects and they sing all year round.



deer

Fallow deer live in most of England. They like areas with trees and grass. The best place to see them? Padstow!



herons

Hérons live by lakes, rivers, swamps, ponds and the sea. They have long legs to wade through the water where they hunt for shellfish, frogs, crabs and fish.



kingfishers

Kingfishers are very brightly coloured birds with long bills. They live by streams and rivers where they catch fish with their long bills.



palm trees

They are originally from New Zealand but live quite happily in Cornwall because it is warmer than the rest of Britain.

Always remember to:
Shut gates when you are out on a walk



daffodils

Daffodils are yellow with a 'trumpet' in the middle of the flower. They grow in spring but in Cornwall they sometimes appear as early as December!



Out at sea



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dolphins

Common dolphins can grow as long as 2.5m. They live in groups called pods and they often swim along with boats. They eat squid and fish.



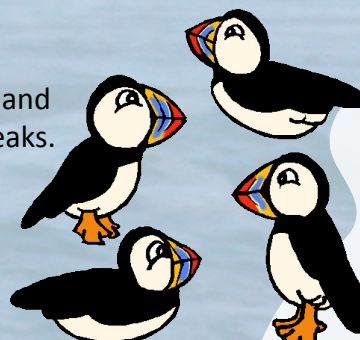
basking sharks

Basking sharks are difficult to spot but Cornwall is a great place to have a go. They eat tiny little plants so despite being so big they aren't dangerous to people.



puffins

Puffins have orange legs, black and white feathers and colourful beaks. They can fly and swim under water where they catch fish.



Always remember to:
Take your litter home with you



cormorant

Cormorants eat eels and fish. They dive into the water to catch their prey sometimes going as deep as 45m.