

Biodiversity 2: Research and Mini Project

Ireland is home to a variety of different species of land and sea mammals, birds, plants and insects. There are approximately 50 species of land mammals e.g. hedgehog, pine martin, badger and sea mammals e.g. seals, dolphin and whales. We have over 400 species of birds and more than 4,000 plant species. There are over 12,000 varieties of insect!

1. Choose an **Irish** species. You can browse here for ideas- <https://iwt.ie/species-list/>
2. Research the species (appearance, habitat, feeding, young, interesting facts) online or in books you have at home.
3. Record your findings in one of the following ways.



Triorama

See how to make one here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bu80853TNw8>

using A4 paper, scissors and a glue stick. You can include written information and pictures, maybe some pop up images of your species in its habitat. Top tip! It will be much easier to do the sticking at the end once you have completed your writing and drawing!

Slideshow

Perhaps you will create a slideshow using PowerPoint or Google Slides. Include a mix of information and images.

Video

You could make a video of biodiversity in your garden or in a green area nearby and explain what you have found out about the species.

Mini Project

Simply record what you have found out about your chosen species in your copy or on a sheet of paper and send a photo. Remember to include some diagrams/drawings.

The following websites have lots of interesting information on Irish wildlife and biodiversity.

The Irish Wildlife Trust <https://iwt.ie/>

Biodiversity Ireland <https://www.biodiversityireland.ie/>

Birdwatch Ireland <https://birdwatchireland.ie/>

**** Remember this a **mini** project! Focus on one species and enjoy learning about it!*