

Oftentimes on a broad meadow near Dunbar..

Make a Wildlife Mobile

Day 2

Signs of Wildlife

One of the extra lovely things about taking our outdoor exercise with a child is:

Children notice lots of tiny details we might normally miss!

Here are some examples of Signs of Wildlife that Grace, aged 8, noticed when we were out around John Muir's old home of Dunbar.



Red galls; damage caused by Gall Mites Feeding.

Shiny, empty snail's shell.



Rabbit or Deer run.



Mole, Vole or Rat Burrow.



Hatched egg.



Huge Bee



Old Wasp Nests.



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Since the lockdown, Signs of Wildlife have been evident even in our busiest cities:

A Deer was spotted by a key worker in Glasgow's Buchanan Street, one of the busiest parts of a normally very busy Scottish city.



Song Thrush Nest.

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Grace wanted to make a copy of this photo to add to her mobile.

Here are the materials you will need:



We shaped the paper plate into a bowl/nest shape and held it with staples.

We stained it with the tea-bag from yesterday (we wetted it again).

We added twigs and grasses. White paper straws stained with the tea bag would do just as well.

We carefully washed and dried egg shells from our food waste recycle bin.

We would NEVER take birds eggs out of a nest.

The hardworking adult birds already have a very difficult time getting each egg to hatch safely. Sadly, many of the young chicks don't make it into adult life.

Therefore, EVERY egg is precious!

We painted our eggs blue.

When they were dry we added speckles.



Well done!

Keep it safe until it's time to build your Mobile.

That's enough work for today!