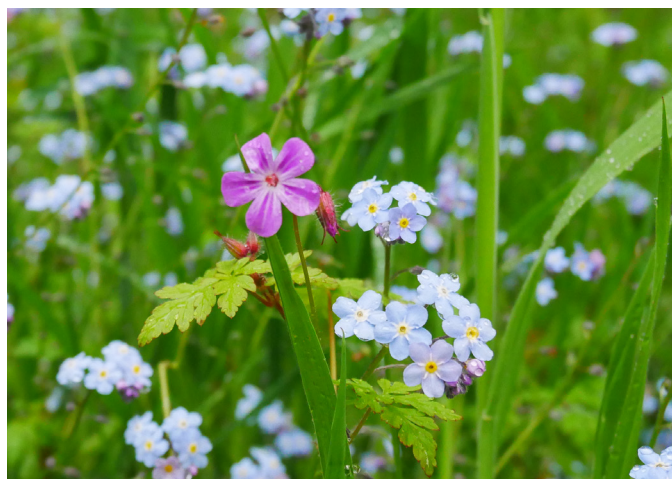


Wildflower bioblitz



Background

'Bio' means 'life' and 'Blitz' means 'to do something quickly and intensively'. Together they make 'BioBlitz', a collaborative search to discover as many plant species as possible, within a set location. Your outdoor learning space is perfect.

Bioblitz can be done as a fun activity or as part of a wider event. It was first developed in the USA in 1996, BioBlitzes are now held in many countries and have been taking place in the UK since 2006. BNHC co-ordinate the National BioBlitz Network in the UK.

More info www.opalexplorenature.org

Equipment

- Wildflower playing cards
- Resource sheet
- pen/pencil

Activity

- Gather the group together and arrange into groups of 2-3 pupils
- Hand out 'wildflower bioblitz' resource sheets
- Issue packs of wildflower playing cards to each group
- The groups then search in different areas of your outdoor learning area
- They note down a list of all the different species that they discover

Review

- Count the total number of flower species found
- How many were not identified?
- Discuss biodiversity
- Discuss the importance of flowers for pollination



Resource sheet - wildflower bioblitz

Recording sheet

Record below your findings in your school grounds. Use the wildflower playing cards to help you identify and name the flowers.

If you are unsure of the name try and draw or describe the unknown flower. if you have a camera take a photo and ask your teacher to help identify it later

Name of wildflower	Common or Rare	Drawing or description of flower

