



Draw a picture of your best wild find.

Colour the outer circle to match the changing seasons.

Write a note about what you saw.

Make a nature calendar

Make your own disc-shaped journal to keep track of what you see in 2021.

What you need

- Tracing paper
- Pen or pencil
- White card
- Ruler
- Compass
- Coloured pencils or other art materials

Instructions

- 1 Trace over this template and draw your own onto a piece of white card.
- 2 Use a pen and ruler to mark out 12 segments onto your circle.
- 3 Add the inner and outer rings using a compass. Label the months and draw your central image.
- 4 Each month in 2021, draw and write about your best wildlife spot.

How does it work?

This circular calendar is a great way to record the changing seasons. Each month, you pick your most memorable wildlife-watching moment and add it to a segment. Over the course of a year, it becomes a journal of the best moments you experience in nature. This special record is called a phenology wheel. Phenology is the science of nature's calendar and phenologists are people who record

seasonal events, such as when spring flowers first appear or when the leaves start to fall in autumn (see page 46). Keeping your own wheel is a fascinating way to see how the months and seasons shift and roll into the next. Why not make a new phenology wheel for each year? As the years pass, these diaries will help you remember brilliant moments and spot long-term changes in nature.