

Hedgerow fruits and nuts

HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?



Holly



Hawthorn



Dog rose



Ivy



Blackthorn



Bramble



Elder



Privet



Crab apple



Honeysuckle



Hazel



Maple

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A hedgerow is an important food source for wildlife. Juicy fruits like blackberries attract birds and small mammals. The fleshy parts of the fruit are digested. But the seeds are protected by a hard resistant coat, so they are spread in the animal's droppings. Nuts are collected and stored by small mammals like squirrels and mice for winter food.

Comparing different types of hedgerow for fruits and nuts

Hedges come in different shapes and sizes. Some are really dense, while other hedges have lots of gaps. Can you find out which type of hedgerow contains the most food for wildlife?

Here are four different types of hedgerow to compare...



a neatly
trimmed
hedge



an
untrimmed
hedge



a heavily
cut
hedge



a
top-heavy
hedge



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