

# I-Spy - Summer





Tick the magnifying glass if you spot these signs of summer on your walk.



Green leaves



### **Flowers**

To maintain our chalk flower meadows, we graze them with sheep and cattle - without this, they would eventually turn into woodland.



## **Ground Ivy**



**Buttercup** 









Turn over for more signs of summer

#### Insects

Insects use colour in two ways. Some use camouflage to blend in but others have bright warning colours to warn of a nasty taste/poison or have 'eyes' to frighten predators away.



## Woodlouse



Shield bug













#### **Nettles and their mimics**

Nettle leaves are armed with stinging hairs which stop animals from eating them. Look out for nettle 'mimics' with similar leaves but no sting - an adaptation against being eaten.



Yellow archangel





White dead nettle

If you have enjoyed this I-Spy, look out for more I-Spy challenges in autumn, winter and spring.

For children between the ages of 4-16 who are interested in nature and wildlife, the Box Moor Trust Rangers meet on the third Saturday of every month. Please call 01442 253300 or visit our website for further details: www.boxmoortrust.org.uk.