

## Activity



Look on the ground, in the trees and under the bushes around you. What signs of wildlife can you see and hear?

Can you find spiderwebs, woodpecker holes or chewed pinecones?

If you listen carefully you might even hear a woodpecker drumming in the trees.

## Greater Spotted Woodpeckers

- Greater Spotted Woodpeckers curl their tongue behind their skull. This acts as a shock absorber to protect their brain when pecking a tree trunk.
- The pecking of a tree trunk is called 'drumming'. Woodpeckers do this to find food and to communicate with other woodpeckers.



Scan the QR code to hear a woodpecker drumming.



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The Eglinton Park STEM trail is a collaborative project between the North Ayrshire Countryside Rangers and North Ayrshire STEM Education team.

