

Session title	Wetland Wonders	
Key question	How can we use our senses to explore wetland wildlife?	
Session description	Explore wetland habitats and microhabitats in this multisensory adventure. Find out why our senses are so important to humans and other animals and how they help us be aware of the world around us. Describe, identify and name some of the plants and animals you find. Get ready to awaken your senses. What will you discover?	
Key Stage suitability	EYFS	
Duration	1 hour (30-minute option available, covering 2 senses of your choice)	

Curriculum links	EYFS: Understanding the world 3- and 4-year-olds will be learning to... - Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. - Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. - Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. - Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Children in reception will be learning to... - Explore the natural world around them. - Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. - Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.																			
Learning outcomes	Most learners will...	More able learners will...																		
	- Be able to recall three senses - Be able to name three types of bird - Be able to name one plant	- Recall the five senses - Understand that birds sing/call to communicate to each other																		
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Session Outline	Time
Introduction	1 min
We welcome learners to the wildlife garden and introduce the key question.	
Activity 1: 5 senses	10 mins
Learners are introduced to the five senses	
Activity 2: Bird in the Bush	15 mins
Learners are introduced to sense of hearing and its importance in nature. They warm up their ears with a 1-minute silence exercise. We then play the bird in the bush game, identifying birds from their calls alone.	
Activity 3: Smell Tubes	15 mins

Learners are introduced to the sense of smell and its importance in nature. They warm up their nose with a breathing exercise. We play the smell tube game where learners are challenged to find someone with the same (plant) smell as them, and together they find the plant in the garden.	
Activity 4: Paint Pallets	15 mins
Learners are introduced to the sense of sight and its importance in nature. They are introduced to a painter's pallet and encouraged to look closely for all the natural colours in nature. They then create their own natural paint pallet, collecting the colours they would need to paint a wetland scene.	
Plenary	4 mins
Learners discuss wetlands and their wildlife and are encouraged to use all their senses more to enjoy/explore the world around them.	