



Ulster Wildlife Trust



## WINTER

# Surviving Winter

Discover what our park creatures do during the cold months in this energising game.

This is an activity that encourages children to think about what different animals do to cope in cold winter months and why. Do they migrate to warmer areas? Do they hibernate? Do they stay in the same country and look for food?

### Equipment List

Three pieces of card: hibernate, Go / Migrate and Stay put. Below are examples of each category.

#### Hibernate

E.g.  
Bat  
Hedgehog  
Slug  
Ladybird  
Bees  
Peacock Butterflies

#### Go / Migrate

E.g.  
Brent Geese  
Chiffchaff (a bird)  
Swallow  
Swift

#### Stay put

E.g.  
Barn Owl,  
Squirrel,  
Blue tit,  
Fox,  
Rabbit  
Mouse

This activity is suitable for both indoor and outdoor use.

### Instructions

Place the cards on the ground. The children can work in small groups, pairs or individually. Evenly deal out the laminated images of animals to the groups/pairs/individuals. The children then have to put each animal picture near the choice card which they think corresponds to what that animal does during winter. When they have all been allocated the whole group can see which images were put next to which cards. This is good time for people to say why they put them where and for other children to challenge them. There can then be a discussion about the different methods of coping with the cold of winter and investigations to discover who was 'right'.