

SPRING GARDEN EXPLORER GUIDE

Can you spot these signs of spring on your walk around the Gardens today?

1.

LOOK FOR SPRING FLOWERS LIKE DAFFODILS, GRAPE HYACINTH, AND TULIPS.

These plants lay dormant as bulbs under the soil waiting for warm weather. Flowers bloom before leafy trees above block the sunshine.



2.

CAN YOU SPOT ANY BEES BUZZING AROUND?

The Winter Garden is the perfect place to find early pollinators.



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE COLOURFUL BUTTERFLIES:

Although normally a summer insect, warmer weather means that the red admiral will stay here throughout the year, so you may have seen some flying on sunny winter days – or even resting in your home!

3.

RED ADMIRAL



PEACOCK



COMMON BRIMSTONE



7.

CAN YOU FIND ANY PRIMROSE FLOWERS?

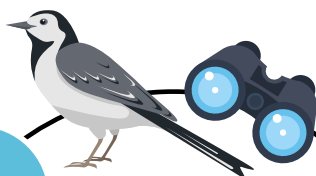
Primrose seeds are spread by ants, they can be carried up to 70 metres! They eat the oily outside and leave the seed to grow.



6.

DO YOU SEE ANY WAGTAILS?

Named after their bouncy tail, these birds are easy to spot. Take a few deep breaths and spend a little time listening for birds in the area. When you move on, what other birds you can see?



5.

CAN YOU SPOT ANY CATKINS ON YOUR WALK?

Catkins are tiny bunches of flowers that grow on trees. When wind blows pollen it helps flowers make seeds. Can you tell which way the wind is blowing today? Drop a few blades of grass and see.



CATKINS

4.

CAN YOU FIND ANY RABBITS?

It certainly is hard to spot a rabbit when there are other visitors about, but you might see holes and scrapes where they have been digging or even some of their droppings left behind!



DID YOU KNOW?

In the UK the Easter Bunny brings us our Easter treats, but other countries have different animals helping too. In Switzerland a cuckoo leaves chocolate eggs, the Australians have a bilby, and in the past Germany had an Easter Fox.

Seedlings & Saplings



PUSSY WILLOW

COOL FACT!

Pussy willows are pollinated by insects.

