

Make at home: Wildlife Card Game

Make your own Top Trumps style game using the handy template on the following page.

Does a frog beat a ladybird? Is a hedgehog better than a woodlouse? Put your garden wildlife to the test with this Top Trumps style game:

First of all, decide in which four categories you're going to pit your competitors against each other. For example measurable factors like size (length or height in cm), speed or number of legs, or you could rate certain characteristics (out of 10 or 100), such as skill, rarity or cuteness.

Next make a list of the wildlife you see in your garden or at your local green space – think about the all different creatures you find in different habitats: birds, insects, amphibians, mammals, spiders... there are plenty to choose from! Make sure you have at least 10.

Print out the template on the following page and create a card for each animal:

Picture

You could draw one, cut one out of a magazine or print one out from the internet.

Name

If you're feeling creative you could decorate the reverse side of the cards. You could even come up with a name and logo for your game!

	
Hedgehog	
Size (cm)	30
Number of wings	0
Speed (mph)	4
Cuteness	88

Your chosen categories

Write the four categories in the first column and the number in the second.

Research online or in wildlife books to find out the necessary facts about each creature

To play:

Divide the cards equally between the players. The person going first chooses one category they think their animal will win in and reads it out loud. If it beats the number on your opponent's card you win and keep both cards, put them to the pack of your pile and choose again from the new top card. If it doesn't beat your opponent, they keep both cards and it's their turn to choose. Keep playing until someone wins all the cards!



