



Local Species Classification Challenge!

Learn to Classify Living Things!



Student Introduction

- ▶ There are many different ways to begin to classify living organisms (plants and animals).
- ▶ Today, during your visit we will start to learn some of the ways and have a go at classifying some of the things we see.

Activity One

In this basic sorting exercise we will use a Carroll diagram to sort what we find into 4 groups.

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vertebrate

Invertebrate

We can look at other characteristics to help us decide which group to place the organisms.

Activity Two

Can you list the characteristics of some of the local vertebrates to put them in the correct class?

Characteristics of vertebrates

Mammal	Reptile	Bird	Fish

Some animals are not easy to place, where would you place a bat?

Activity Three

Using the information you have gathered, place the organisms you find in the correct class. (There are 4 extra classes you will need to think about).

Mammal	Reptile	Bird	Fish
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Amphibian	Mollusc	Insect	Arachnid

