



## Looking for Spring

The first day of Spring is 21<sup>st</sup> March, but plants are growing long before that, and animals are becoming more active. The weather plays an important part - warm weather speeds things up, cold weather slows it down.

Lots of plants begin to produce their leaves in spring, some of them are quite obvious. Can you find the leaves of -		Some trees produce flowers, some produce catkins.	
		Look for	
Foxglove	5 points	Silver Birch catkins	5 points
Forget me not	6 points	Alder catkins	6 points
Marsh marigold	4 points	Willow catkins (Pussy Willow)	6 points
Wild garlic	5 points	Blackthorn flowers	6 points
Lords and ladies (Cuckoo Pint)	6 points	Larch flowers	8 points
Trees break their buds in spring, but not all at the same time. Can you spot these -			
Silver birch buds	4 points	What shape are they?	
Oak tree buds	7 points	What colour are the buds?	
Beech tree buds	4 points	What colour are they?	
Hawthorn buds	3 points	What colour are they?	
Ash buds	4 points	What do they look like?	
Frogs begin to move towards their breeding ponds. Toads follow later.			
See a frog on the land	8 points	See a toad on land	8 points
See frogs in the ponds	6 points	See toads in the ponds	6 points
See frogspawn	10 points	See toadspawn	10 points