

# Nature Trail

*Nature Trail* was written by the poet, author and playwright Benjamin Zephaniah. Zephaniah enjoys being close to nature and animals, and in this poem, he describes all the wildlife that he sees in his garden. He encourages us to think about the importance of having a garden.

At the bottom of my garden  
 There's a hedgehog and a frog  
 And a lot of creepy-crawlies  
 Living underneath a log,  
 5 There's a baby daddy long legs  
 And an easy-going snail  
 And a family of woodlice,  
 All are on my nature trail.

There are caterpillars waiting  
 10 For their time to come to fly,  
 There are worms turning the earth over  
 As ladybirds fly by,  
 Birds will visit, cats will visit  
 But they always chose their time  
 15 And I've even seen a fox visit  
 This wild garden of mine.

Squirrels come to nick my nuts  
 And busy bees come buzzing  
 And when the night time comes  
 20 Sometimes some dragonflies come humming,  
 My garden mice are very shy  
 And I've seen bats that growl  
 And in my garden I have seen  
 A very wise old owl.

25 My garden is a lively place  
 There's always something happening,  
 There's this constant search for food  
 And then there's all that flowering,  
 When you have a garden  
 30 You will never be alone  
 And I believe we all deserve  
 A garden of our own.

Benjamin Zephaniah



1 Where do the creepy-crawlies live?

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1 mark

2 Why do you think the poet describes the snail as "easy-going" (line 6)?

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1 mark

3 Which two animals pick carefully when to visit the garden? Why do you think this is?

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2 marks

4 Which animal does the author seem most surprised to have seen in his garden?

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1 mark

5 Write down one word that has a similar meaning to "nick" (line 17).

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1 mark

6 What two things does the poet say are always happening in his garden?

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2 marks

7 Why do you think the poet believes "we all deserve a garden of our own" (lines 31-32)?

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2 marks

Total  
 out of 10