

Pine Martens make their homes in hollow trees, old nests, rabbit burrows, tree roots and rock crevices

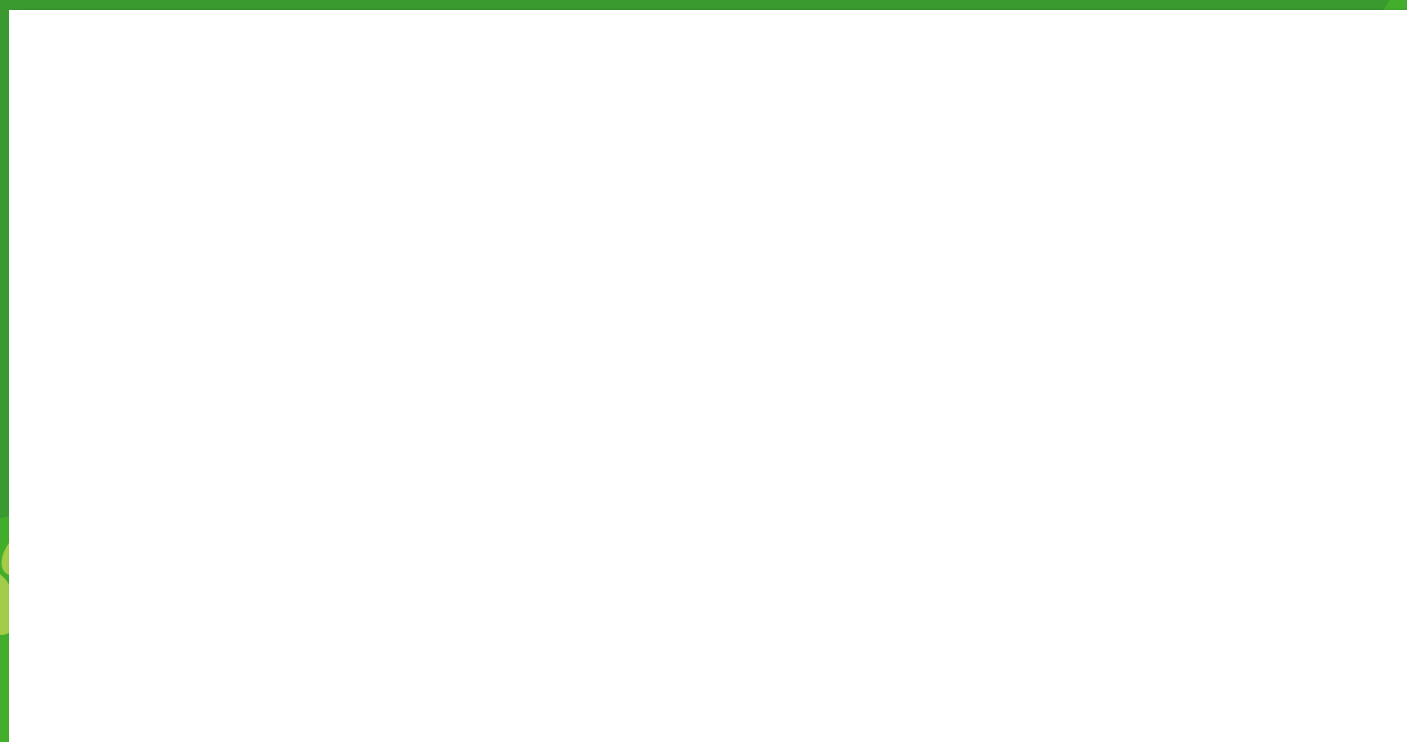
They use their claws to climb high in trees and their long tail to help them balance.

Pine Martens have chestnut brown fur and are sometimes called tree cats.



Pine Marten by Angela Burchill

Can you draw a friend for this Pine Marten?



Insects, animals and birds make their homes in the trees around us

The Pygmy Shrew spends its days playing, snacking and sheltering in wooded areas. It is really tiny and likes to eat insects and worms.

The Pygmy Shrew has a long snout and red-tipped teeth!



Pygmy Shrew by Yvonne Condon



Red Squirrel by Yvonne Condon

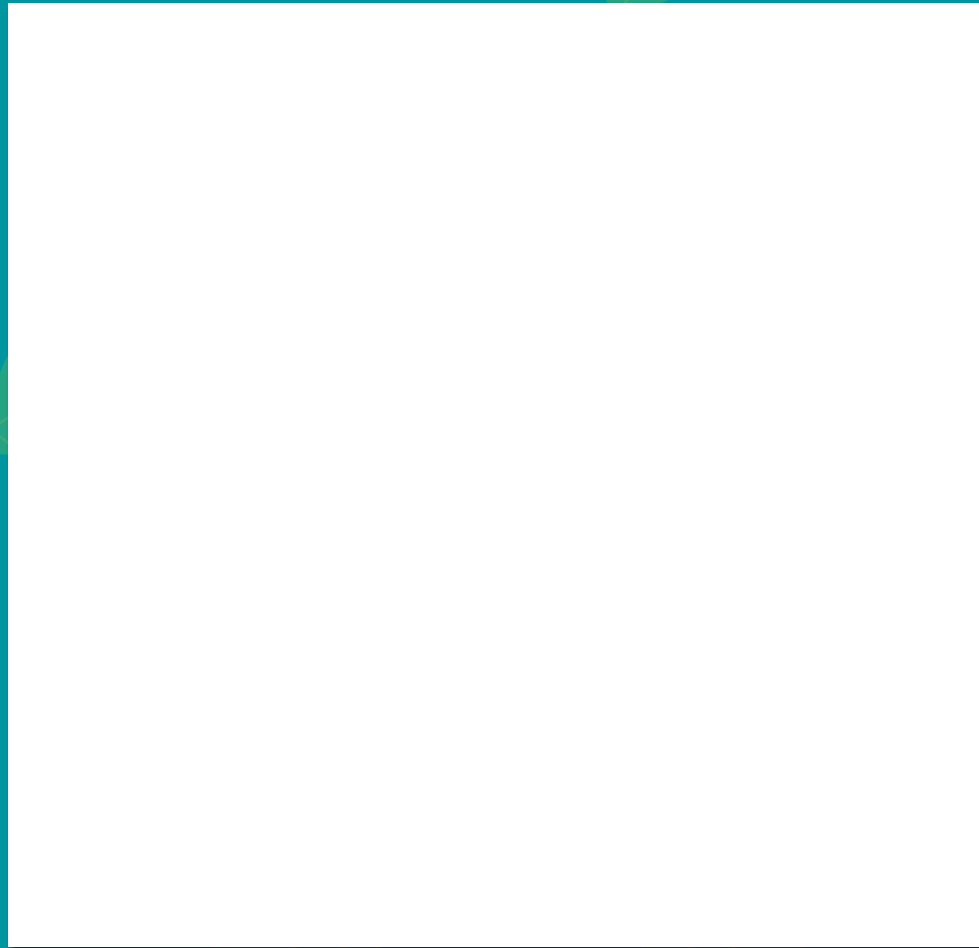
Red Squirrels have long bushy tails and make their nests in trees.

They climb high in the tree tops, and they eat acorns, tree sap, seeds, berries, fungi, buds and bark!

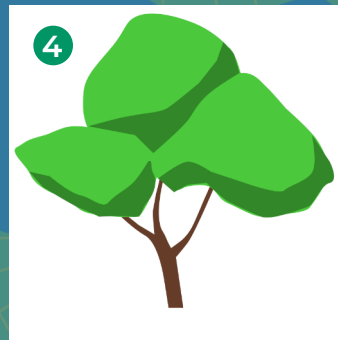
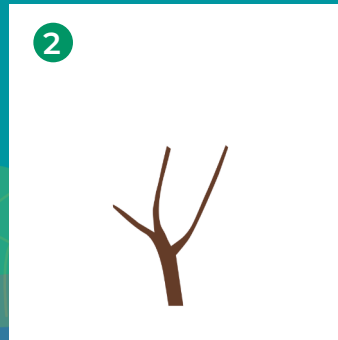
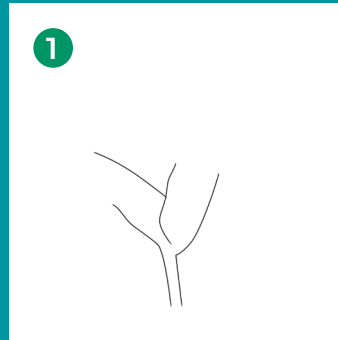
Can you draw a picnic for these woodland creatures?



Try drawing your own tree



Tree painting by Yvonne Condon



Flying Creatures



Silver-Washed Fritillary by Íde Ní Shúilleabháin

This butterfly is large and pale orange with spots. It lays eggs in the cracks and crevices of tree bark.

It is called a Silver-Washed Fritillary and it has tiny streaks of silver on the underside of its wings.



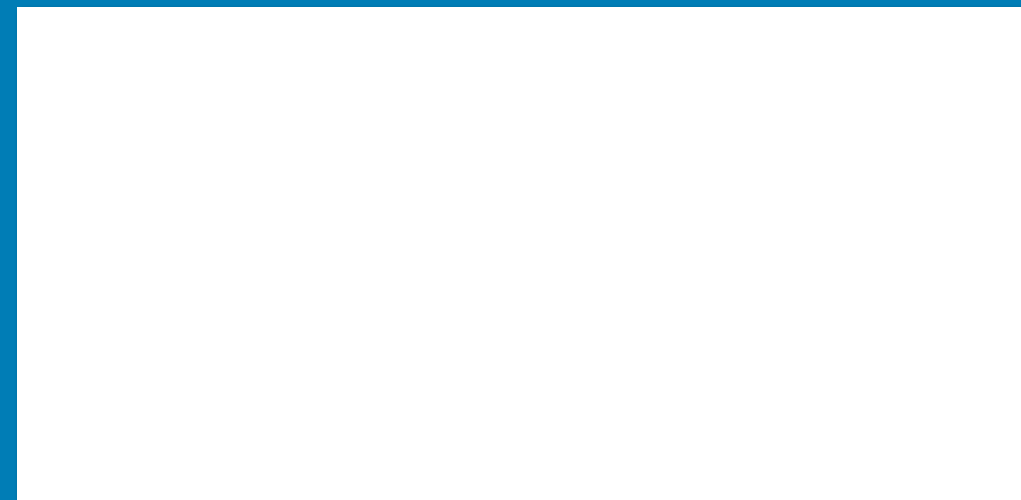
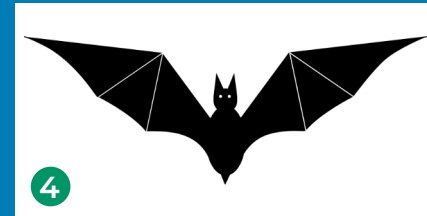
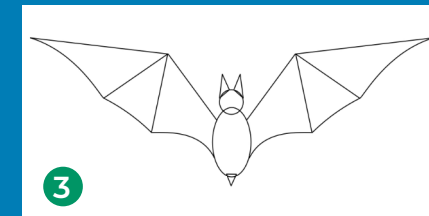
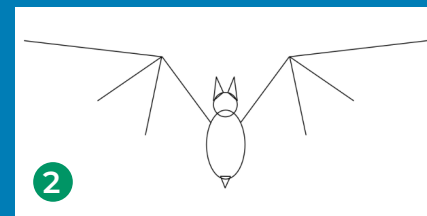
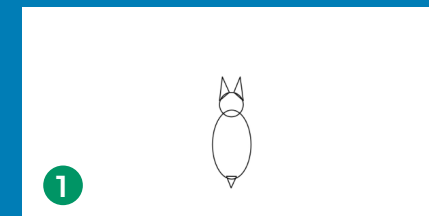
Wood Pigeon by Íde Ní Shúilleabháin

The Wood Pigeon makes a nest from twigs to lay its eggs. You might have heard this bird as it makes a coo cooing noise.

Draw a Bat!

Some bats like to rest in trees, they sleep during the day and wake up at night.

Irish bats only eat insects. They hibernate during the cold months and their bodies are covered in fur to keep them warm.



Bat by Yvonne Condon