

**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



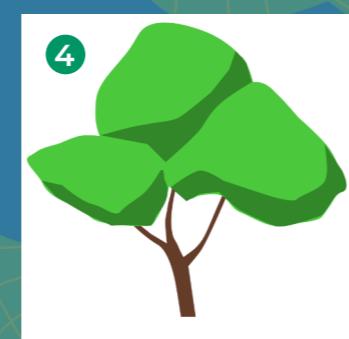
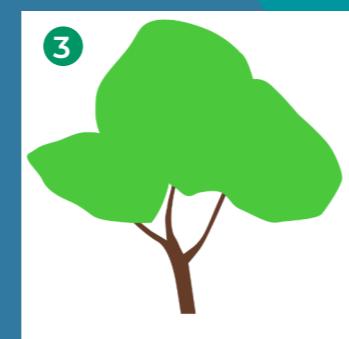
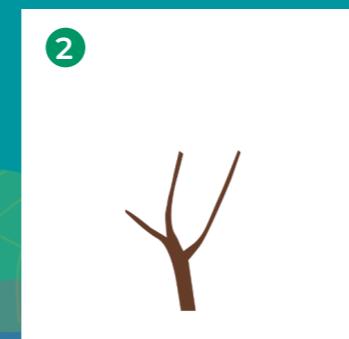
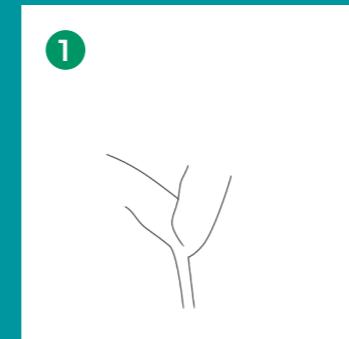
Red Squirrel by Yvonne Condon

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 Shúilleabhaín

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.

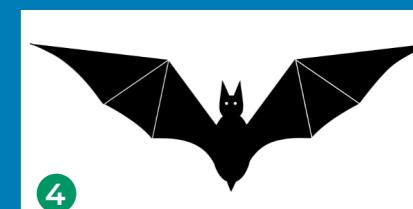
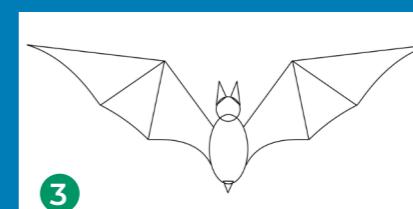
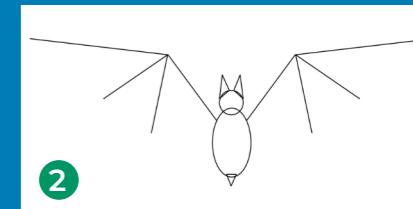
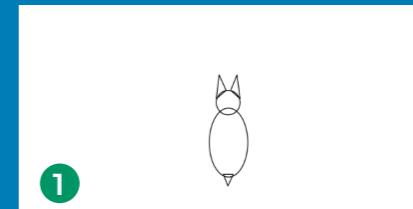


Wood Pigeon by Íde Ní Shúilleabhaín

## 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