

## Hedgerow activity

Investigating nature with your family and friends can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, use this sheet and the [FSC quick guide to hedgerows](#) to complete this simple task or download the hedgerow biodiversity OPAL survey for a more in depth activity. <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/opal>

Find a hedge near your house or on a walk you do, make sure it is somewhere you can return to throughout the year. Hedges are rows of bushy shrubs and / or low trees acting as a field boundary in the countryside, or sometimes round your garden!

Measure the height of the hedge: \_\_\_\_\_

Measure the width of the hedge: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate the total length of the hedge:

under 5m     5 – 20m     20 – 50m     over 50m

Is there evidence that the hedge is a food source for wildlife?

Use the guide to look for leaves, berries and nuts that might be eaten by animals, write what you find in this box.

Look for other signs of wildlife like burrows, leaf mines and tracks and trails. Use this guide to help identify any signs of wildlife: <https://www.field-studies-council.org/shop/publications/mammal-tracks-and-signs-guide/>