GAPY CARDS

A tool for garden pedagogy

The set contains:
72 cards of garden elements (16x4)
12 cards of animal helpers
12 cards (6+6) challenge vs. advantage

To play:
pairs, quartets, domino
To plan with kids wildlife friendly school gardens

Intended for children aged 3 to 99 :)

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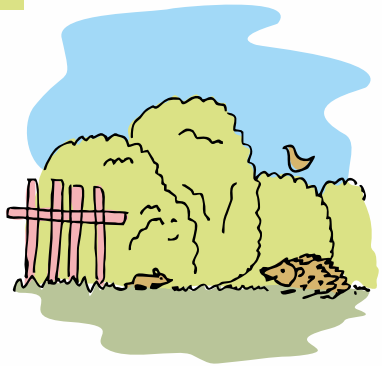

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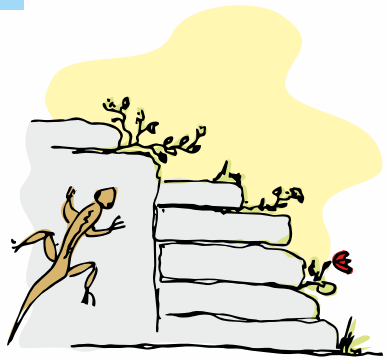

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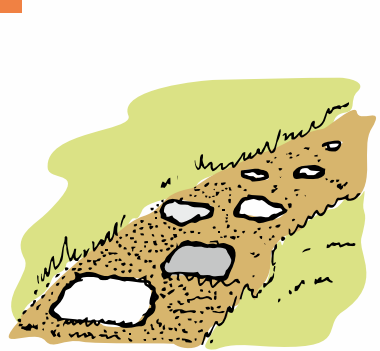

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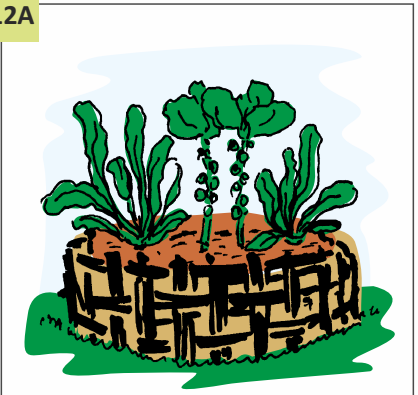

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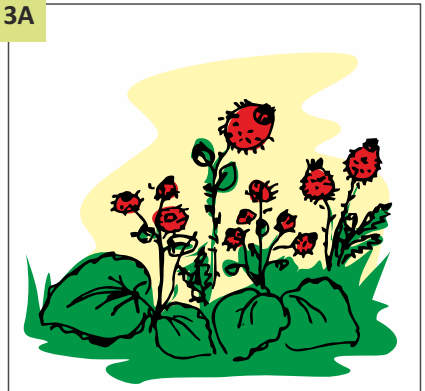

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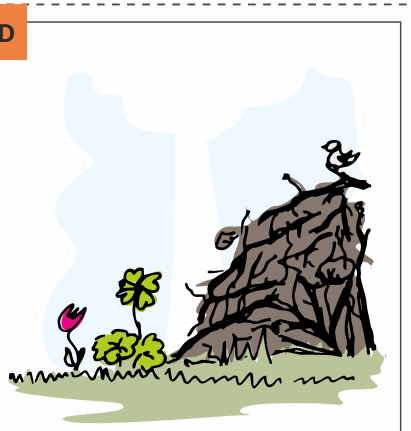

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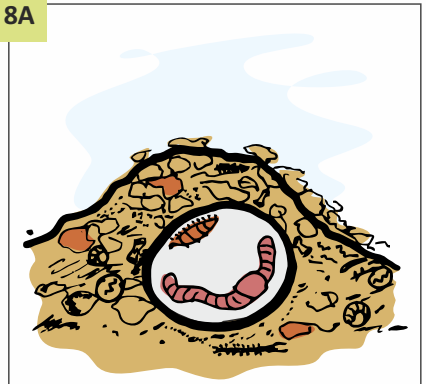

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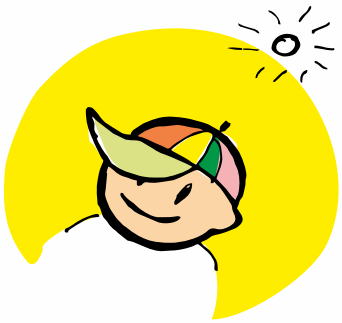

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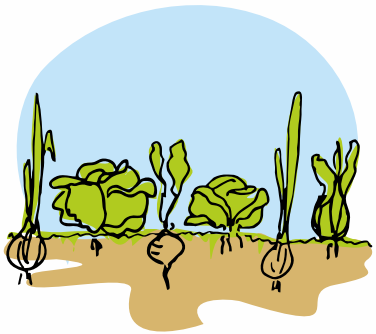

1A wild shrub hedge – a place for the life of small animals

5B special location – dry – dry wall

15C fruit garden and berry shrubs – creeping plants

12D environmentally friendly material selection – paths made of stepping stones

12A environmentally friendly material selection – hazel fencing around flowerbeds

3A wild herbs – thistles for bumblebees and insects

4D wild corner – a bunch of branches

8A compost heap – compost inhabitants

13C mulching – shortly cut grass in the flowerbed

7B native deciduous trees – rowan – Sorbus

16C mixed cultivation/crop rotation/ green manure – maintaining moisture

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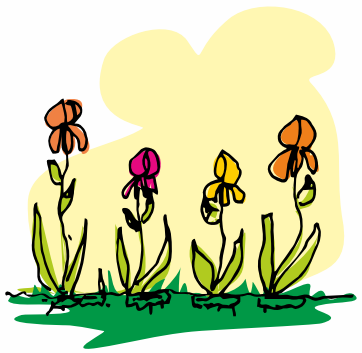

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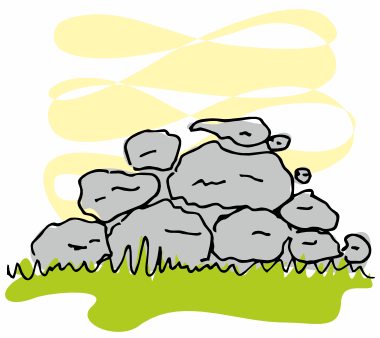

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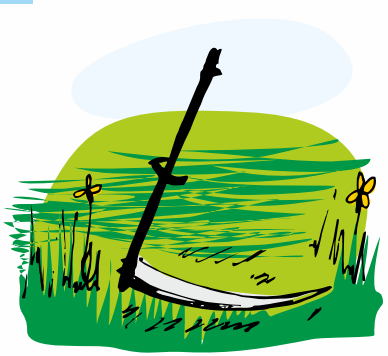

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9A flowers and flowering shrubs – irises / tuber flowers

3C wild herbs – weeds in the garden

5D special location – dry – a pile of stones

15B fruit garden and berry shrubs – climbing plants

16A mixed cultivation/crop rotation/ green manure – gradual harvest

5A special location – dry – green roof

6A special location - wet – damp corner

12B environmentally friendly material selection – hand mowing with a scythe

14C vegetable beds and herbs – pumpkins

2C flower meadow and meadow elements – short vegetation patch

8B compost heap – kitchen leftovers

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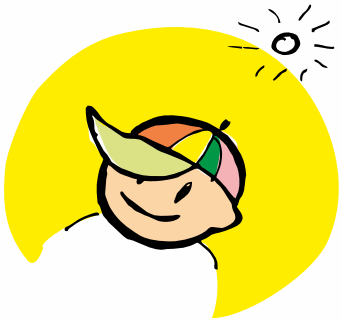

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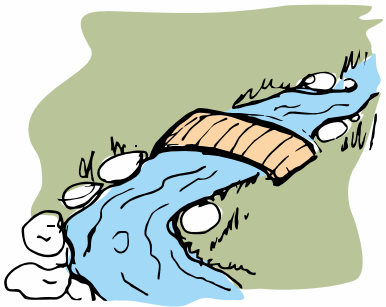

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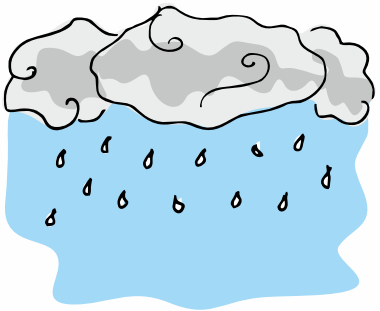

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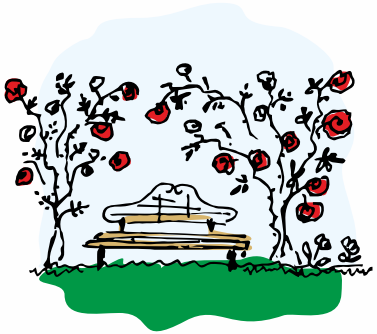

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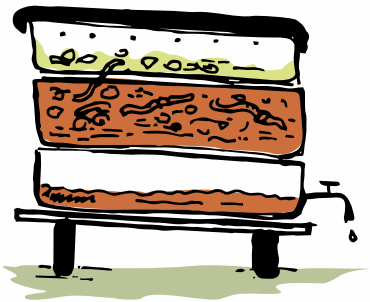

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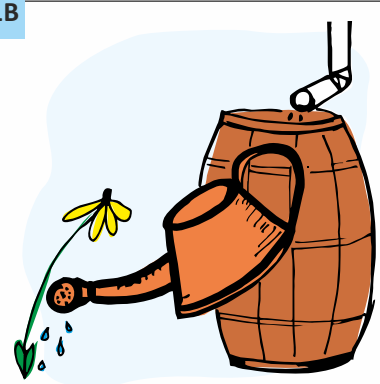

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14B vegetable beds and herbs – root vegetables

6D special location - wet – creek

2A flower meadow and meadow elements – high vegetation patch

11A rainwater utilisation – rain

9C flowers and flowering shrubs – fragrant pink corner, aromatic plants

8D compost heap – vermicompost

10C accommodation for useful creatures – insect hotel

16D mixed cultivation/crop rotation/ green manure – crop rotation

1D wild shrub hedge – medicinal fruits and flowers - bases, rose hips...

11B rainwater utilisation – watering can

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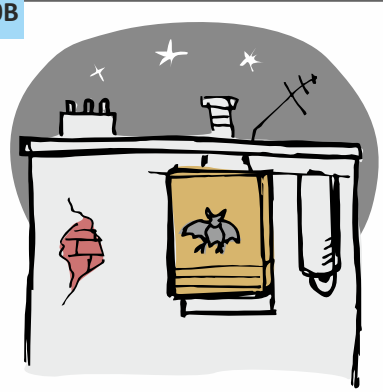

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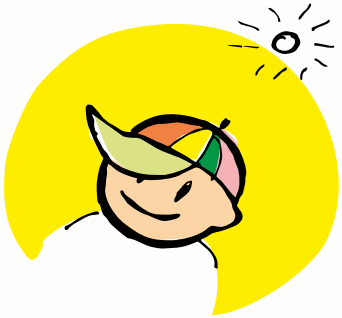

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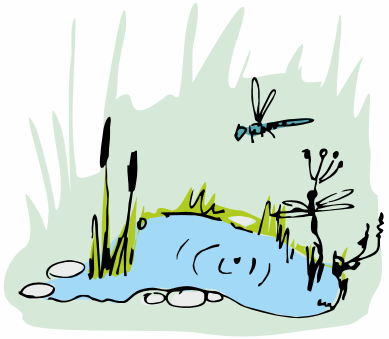

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10B accommodation for useful creatures – booths for bats

2B flower meadow and meadow elements – uncut meadow island

5C special location – dry – dry wall for solitary bees

11C rainwater utilisation – rain garden

13D mulching – mulching with wood chips around trees and shrubs

4A wild corner – wet area

15D fruit garden and berry shrubs – fruit bushes

3B wild herbs – nettles for caterpillars

6C special location - wet – bird feeder

8C compost heap – cold heap

3D wild herbs – plants in the patio cracks

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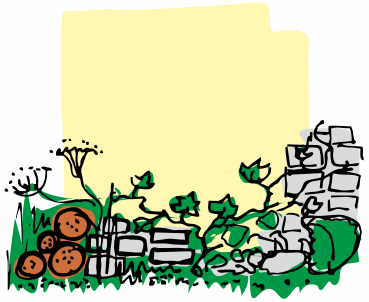

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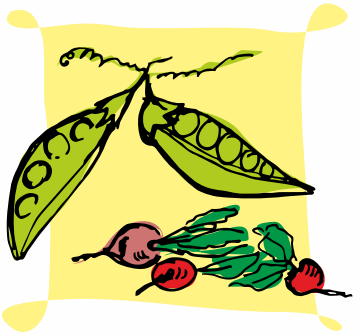

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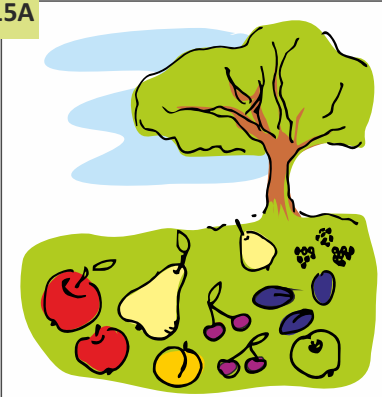

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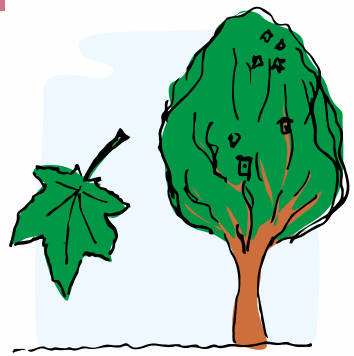

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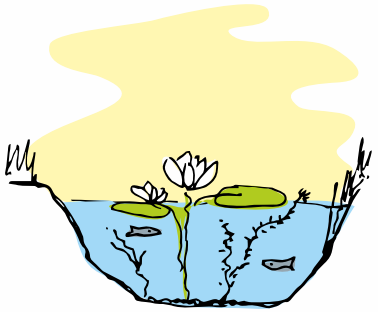

13A mulching – mulched hugelkultur raised bed

4C wild corner – overgrown corner

7A native deciduous trees – birch - Betula

14A vegetable beds and herbs – spring and early summer vegetables

15A fruit garden and berry shrubs – fruit trees

1B wild shrub hedge – bird food

10A accommodation for useful creatures – pile of leaves for a hedgehog

7C native deciduous trees – maple - Acer

9D flowers and flowering shrubs – annual flowers

13B mulching – mulch from the leaves for the winter

6B special location - wet – deep pond

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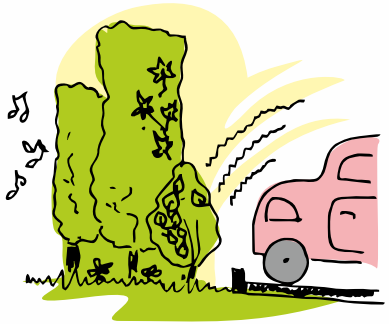

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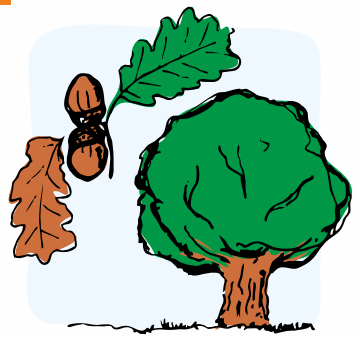

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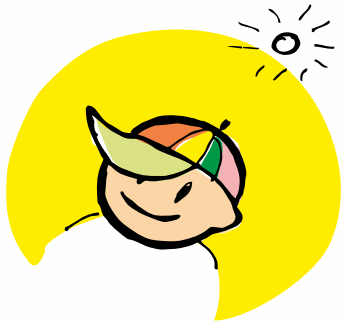

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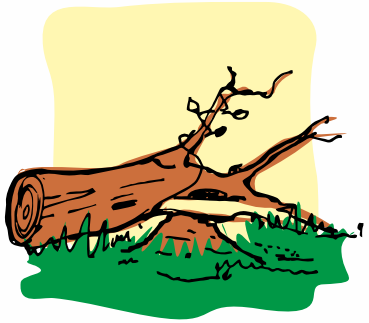

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10D accommodation for useful creatures – bird boxes

1C wild shrub hedge – noise barrier

7D native deciduous trees – oak – Quercus

11D rainwater utilisation – swale (water jump)

16B mixed cultivation/crop rotation/ green manure – mixture of plants for green manure

4B wild corner – old wood

14D vegetable beds and herbs – herbs

9B flowers and flowering shrubs – flower meadow and meadow elements – spring onions

2D flower meadow and meadow elements – carrot plants

12C environmentally friendly material selection – willow constructions

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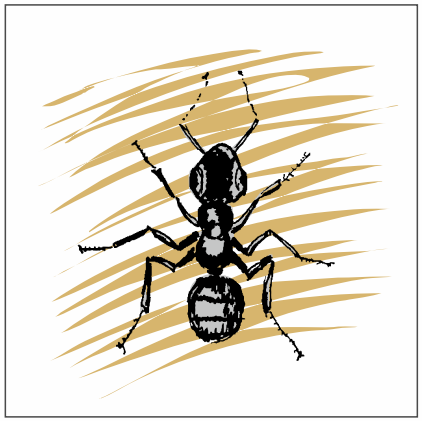

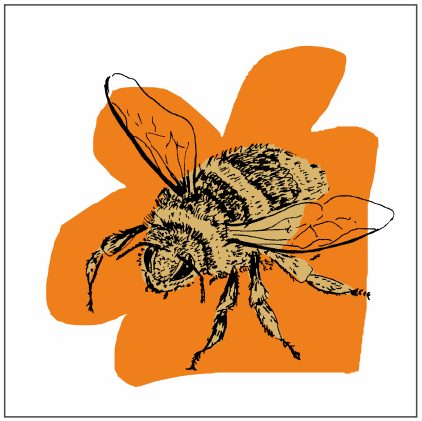

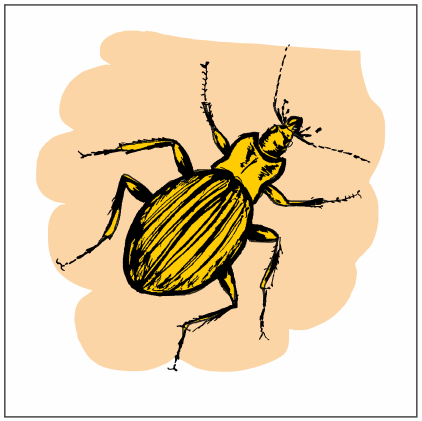

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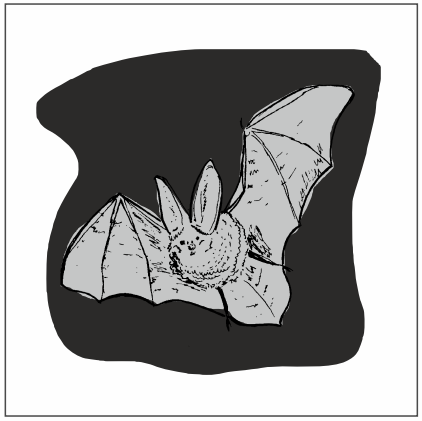

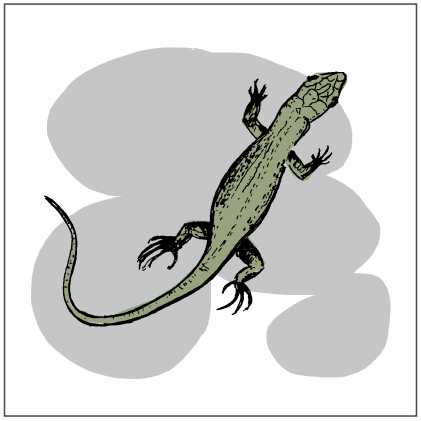

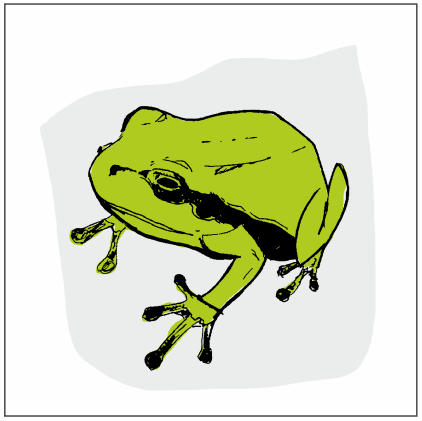

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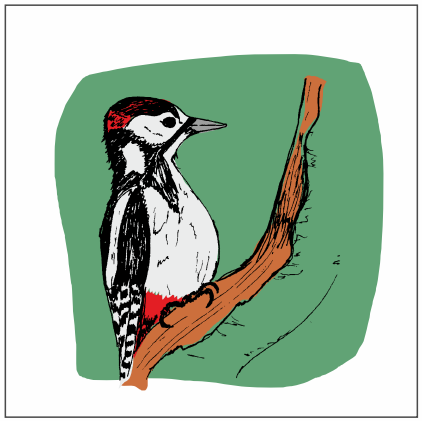

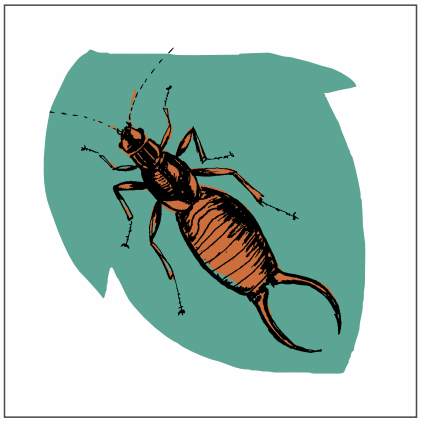

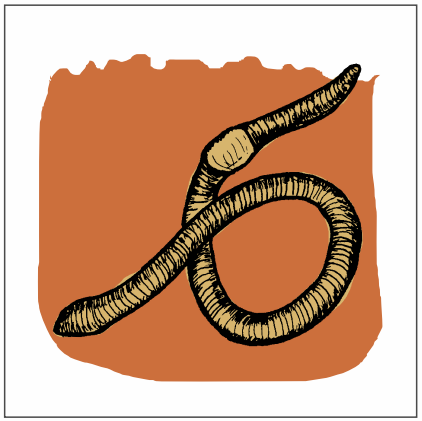

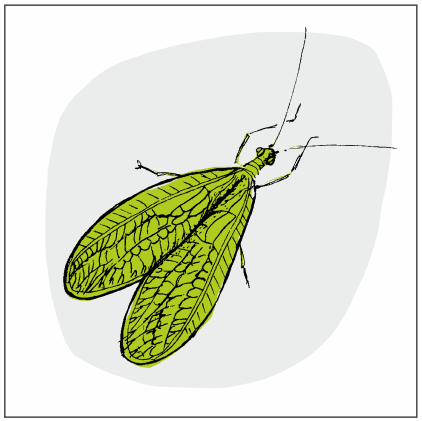

Dendrocopos major L.

Forficula auricularia L.

Lumbricus terrestris L.

Chrysoperla carnea Steph

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The school received a big pile of shipped stone

Half of the school playground is paved / covered with asphalt

The parent of one of the students is a landscape architect

The janitor is lazy and annoying

A farmer from the area offers a big pile of straw

The school garden is not fenced, and it is destroyed by acts of vandalism

The school received the plaque of a Show School Garden

The school garden does not have a well and watering with drinking water is prohibited

A local company is throwing away old wooden pallets

There is no place to sit (relax) in the school garden

A pile of wood has been discovered In the corner of the garden

Fruit bushes have been attacked by aphids

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Cards description

1/ Wild shrub hedge
a/ a place for the life of small animals
b/ bird food
c/ noise barrier
d/ medicinal fruits and flowers - bases, rose hips ...

2/ Flower meadow and meadow elements
a/ high vegetation patch
b/ uncut meadow island
c/ short vegetation patch
c/ carrot plants

3/ Wild herbs
a/ thistles for bumblebees and insects
b/ nettles for caterpillars
c/ weeds in the garden
d/ plants in the patio cracks

4/ Wild corner
a/ wet area
b/ old wood
c/ overgrown corner
d/ a bunch of branches

5/ Special location – dry
a/ green roof
b/ dry wall
c/ dry wall for solitary bees
d/ a pile of stones

6/ Special location - wet
a/ damp corner
b/ deep pond
c/ bird feeder
d/ creek

7/ Native deciduous trees
a/ birch - Betula
b/ rowan – Sorbus
c/ maple - Acer
d/ oak – Quercus

8/ Compost heap
a/ compost inhabitants
b/ kitchen leftovers
c/ cold heap
d/ vermicompost

9/ Flowers and flowering shrubs
a/ irises / tuber flowers
b/ spring onions
c/ fragrant pink corner, aromatic plants
d/ annual flowers

10/ Accommodation for useful creatures
a/ pile of leaves for a hedgehog
b/ booths for bats
c/ insect hotel
d/ bird boxes

11/ Rainwater utilisation
a/ rain
b/ watering can
c/ rain garden
d/ swale (water jump)

12/ Environmentally friendly material selection
a/ hazel fencing around flowerbeds
b/ hand mowing with a scythe
c/ willow constructions
d/ paths made of stepping stones

13/ Mulching
a/ mulched hugelkultur raised bed
b/ mulch from the leaves for the winter
c/ shortly cut grass in the flowerbed
d/ mulching with wood chips around trees and shrubs

14/ Vegetable beds and herbs
a/ spring and early summer vegetables
b/ root vegetables
c/ pumpkins
d/ herbs

15/ Fruit garden and berry shrubs
a/ fruit trees
b/ climbing plants
c/ creeping plants
d/ fruit bushes

16/ Mixed cultivation/crop rotation/ green manure
a/ mixed culture
b/ mixture of plants for green manure
c/ mixed culture
d/ crop rotation

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