

**EVERYONE
HAS A BIG PART
TO PLAY.**

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THE MIRACLE OF NATURE. ON A STREET NEAR YOU.



EXPLORE: URBAN NATURE

Connie Blackett-Ord @ConnieBOReay · 29 Sep
Year 4 @ReayPrimary did a fantastic job taking part in the @NHM_London #CitizenScience hidden world of trees survey on Tuesday. #ExploreUrbanNature



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Discover the Hidden World of Trees: 151 entries

Teachers: Teacher Twilight, online teacher training and COP26 session

Student Workshops



WA_Principal @principal_wa · 29 Sep

It's wonderful that off-site learning has resumed, to complement learning at school and to take advantage of our London setting. Thanks to @NHM_London for their support and for taking this group to #ExploreUrbanNature

@WestminsterAca



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SEASONAL NATURE TRACKERS – FAT SPIDER FORTNIGHT

- Four ‘events’ per year focussing on different seasonally interesting taxa
- Two weeks of social media activity
- Funnel people to make records on iNaturalist

Natural History Museum, London
Published by Agorapulse · 10 September ·

Have you spotted a chonky spider in your home or a nearby outside space? We want to see a picture as part of [#FatSpiderFortnight](#) where we're celebrating these attractive arachnids who are out looking for love. Share your pictures in the comments below, and on 17 Sep we'll be putting our favourites to a public vote.

If you've found one of the 11 spider species listed on our website, we'd love you to take a moment to record your observation using the iNaturalist app or on [#iNaturalistUK](#), and help build a picture of where these spiders can be found across the UK.



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Fat spider fortnight | Natural History Museum

Join our spider-spotting team this September, looking-out for 11 species, and build our under...



Natural History Museum · @NHM_London · Sep 6

We are declaring the next two weeks [#FatSpiderFortnight](#) in honour of our 8-legged friends who are out of hiding and looking for love. Share pictures of the fattest spiders you can find using [#FatSpiderFortnight](#) & at the end of the two weeks we'll run a vote for your favourite.



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FAT SPIDER FORTNIGHT - RESULTS

- 650 people engaging with recording of spiders
- Over 1,250 observations
- 150 new iNaturalist users
- Each of the 11 species was seen during the project
- What's next?

Seasonal Nature Trackers: Fat Spider Fortnight



A European garden spider (*Araneus diadematus*) showing its distinctive white cross © Vojtech Myslivec/Shutterstock.com

At a glance

Record sightings of spiders, with a focus on 11 species

Type of activity: Outdoors/indoors

Who can take part? Everyone

When? 6-19 September 2021. Project finished for 2021. Will be repeated autumn 2022.

How long will it take? A few minutes per spider

The screenshot shows the iNaturalist project page for 'Fat Spider Fortnight'. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Explore', 'Community', and 'More'. Below this is a banner with logos for 'NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM' and 'FAT SPIDER FORTNIGHT', along with a date range of 'SEP 6, 2021 - SEP 19, 2021'. A 'Members' button shows 138 members. A 'Project Journal' button is also visible. Below the banner, statistics are displayed: 1,371 OBSERVATIONS, 11 SPECIES, 130 IDENTIFIERS, and 744 OBSERVERS. A 'Stats' button is located to the right. The 'Recent Observations' section shows four photos of spiders with their species names and observation dates: Tube-dwelling Spider (Sept 10, 2021), Cross Orbweaver (Sept 10, 2021), European Nursery Web (Sept 10, 2021), and Cross Orbweaver (Sept 10, 2021).

GARDENS TRANSFORMATION



THE NEW GARDENS

An architectural rendering of a five-acre site in South Kensington. The site is bounded by a large, light-colored building on the top and right. The landscape is designed with winding paths, various green spaces, and clusters of trees. A central building, likely the Garden Café, is visible on the left side. The overall design emphasizes a journey through time and space, with diverse planting and geological features.

- Five-acre site in South Kensington
- A journey through time from east to west
- Immersive planting and geological landscapes
- Garden Café
- A living laboratory of UK habitats
- Learning and activity centre
- Site-wide step-free access

EAST LAWNS



WEST GARDENS

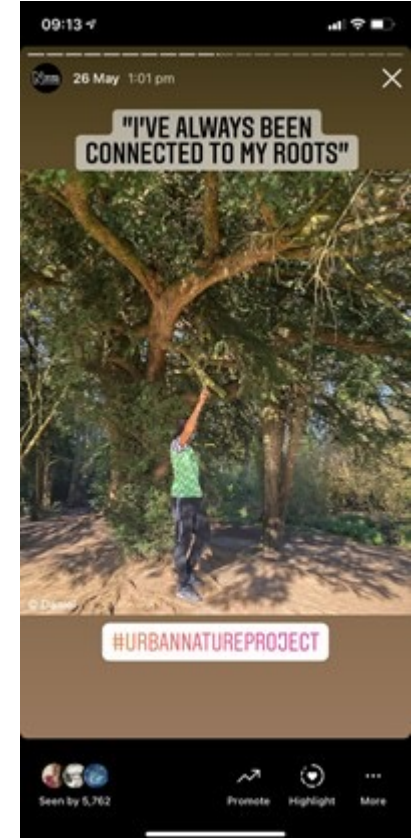
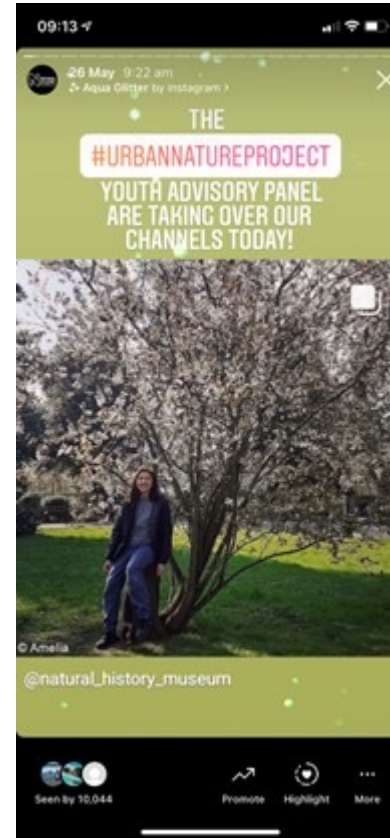


DC COURTYARD



YAP 2.0

- National – 12 young people from 6 cities from across the UK
- Discuss and explore local urban nature stories that are poignant to them
- Panel will create digital content, which is engaging to them and their peers
- Support and advise the NHM on how to develop greater online following and relevance to their demographic
- Co-creation of digital content, notably spearheading content for new NHM TikTok account



PARTNERSHIP

Grow2Know aims to heal, inspire, empower & educate using horticulture – planting seeds in the minds of young people & giving them the necessary tools to make a positive impact in their communities.

We aim to change the narrative & break the mould on the stereotypes of what it is like to be a gardener & what a gardener may look like, & in turn, create a more inclusive industry.

We feel that gardening is a pretty cool thing to do & it is our mission to exhibit *just* how cool it is.



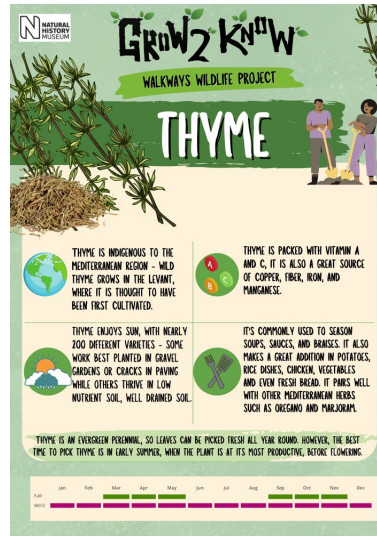
GROW2KNOW PRAIRIE GARDEN AT LANCASTER WEST ESTATE



DEVELOPING STORIES

Planters in Darwin Courtyard:

- The lives of plants are intricately linked to those of humans
- Plants are part of our cultural identity providing links to home
- Diversity of plants in urban spaces reflects the cultural diversity of our towns and cities



YOUTH WORKER TRAINING

- 63 youth workers
- 8 trainings – 4 locations
- Open source Urban Nature Youth Worker Toolkit released in the New Year

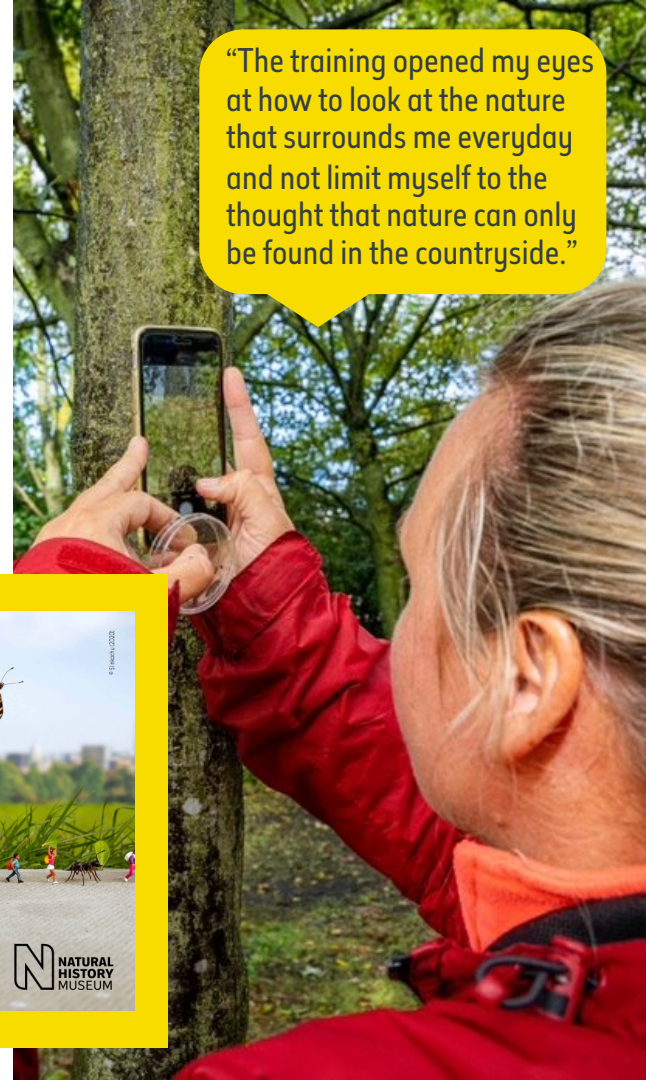
"It brought out my inner explorer, a part of me that I didn't know existed. Since the session I have found so much peace in nature, I deal with stress way better, I take moments to look around nature and appreciate it more. I am a more grounded person and that is why the training session was excellent"

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URBAN NATURE YOUTH WORKER TOOLKIT



"The training opened my eyes at how to look at the nature that surrounds me everyday and not limit myself to the thought that nature can only be found in the countryside."



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