

Classifying Irish wildlife

living-things

What you need: Irish wildlife photo cards (robin, frog, oak, hedgehog, fox, salmon, ladybird, snail) · sticky notes · Investigation Journal page · mystery specimen photo (badger) for the IWB

Words to use

Branching key · Feature · Classify

Our question

Which Irish living thing is the mystery specimen, and which features lead us there?

I predict...because...

Words to sort

robin · frog · oak · hedgehog · fox · salmon · ladybird · snail

Sort the Irish wildlife cards using yes-or-no feature questions until each living thing has its own named place on a branching key.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Our branching key – each yes-or-no question, in order

Which living thing sits at each end point

Which feature was most useful?

What would make the key fail for this photo?

