

Can You Find 12 Busy Bees?

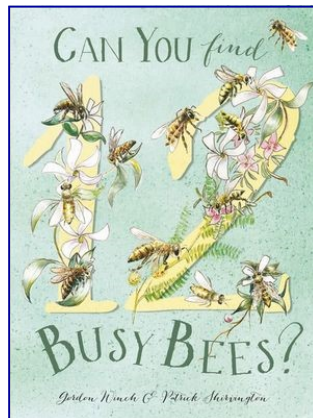
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Can You Find 12 Busy Bees? brings children closer to nature and the environment. In this elegant picture book children will enjoy learning to count with the gorgeous flora and fauna on every page.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Counting
- Fauna
- Flora

Discussion Questions:

Before and during reading:

- Show the children the book cover. What can they see and what do they think the book might be about?
- Can they identify any of the colours on the cover?
- Have they seen any of the animals in the book? How many did they see?

After reading:

- Did they manage to find all the animals in each spread? Was it difficult?
- Do they see other animals in their garden? What kinds have they seen?
- What is their favourite animal from the story? What do they like about it?
- Study the last picture very closely. What animals can they see? Are all 12 mentioned in the story on this page?
- What is it called when animals blend into their surroundings?
- Why do animals do this?

Activities:

- Complete the *Can You Find 12 Busy Bees?* Word Search that is attached.
- Drawing Activity: Draw your own animal camouflaged in its natural habitat. Have a look at this website to give you an idea of what animal you'd like to draw. <https://nomadsworld.com/australian-animals/>. A sheet is attached that you can use for this activity.
- Craft Activity: Instructions are attached on how to make a 'Paper Plate Bee'.

Can You Find 12 Busy Bees Word Search

B B S X C R D H O H J F L
U E Q H Y L D O M N A W P
T E J A M C T Z D I O I J
T S F S L A W G R L C S Z
E P L V K H X Y U Z G F S
R Q O C J P W F S T O W D
F N O V C R R E Z G S D R
L C E E E E L I Z A R D I
I V F N W V O V F E N C B
E K O O K A B U R R A S Y
S P P S T E E K I R O L D
Z T R M P H C G O D W G A
K A F J V C U G R K T B L

Find these words:

BEE

BUTTERFLIES

COCKATOO

FAIRY-WREN

FROG

KOOKABURRAS

LADYBIRDS

LIZARD

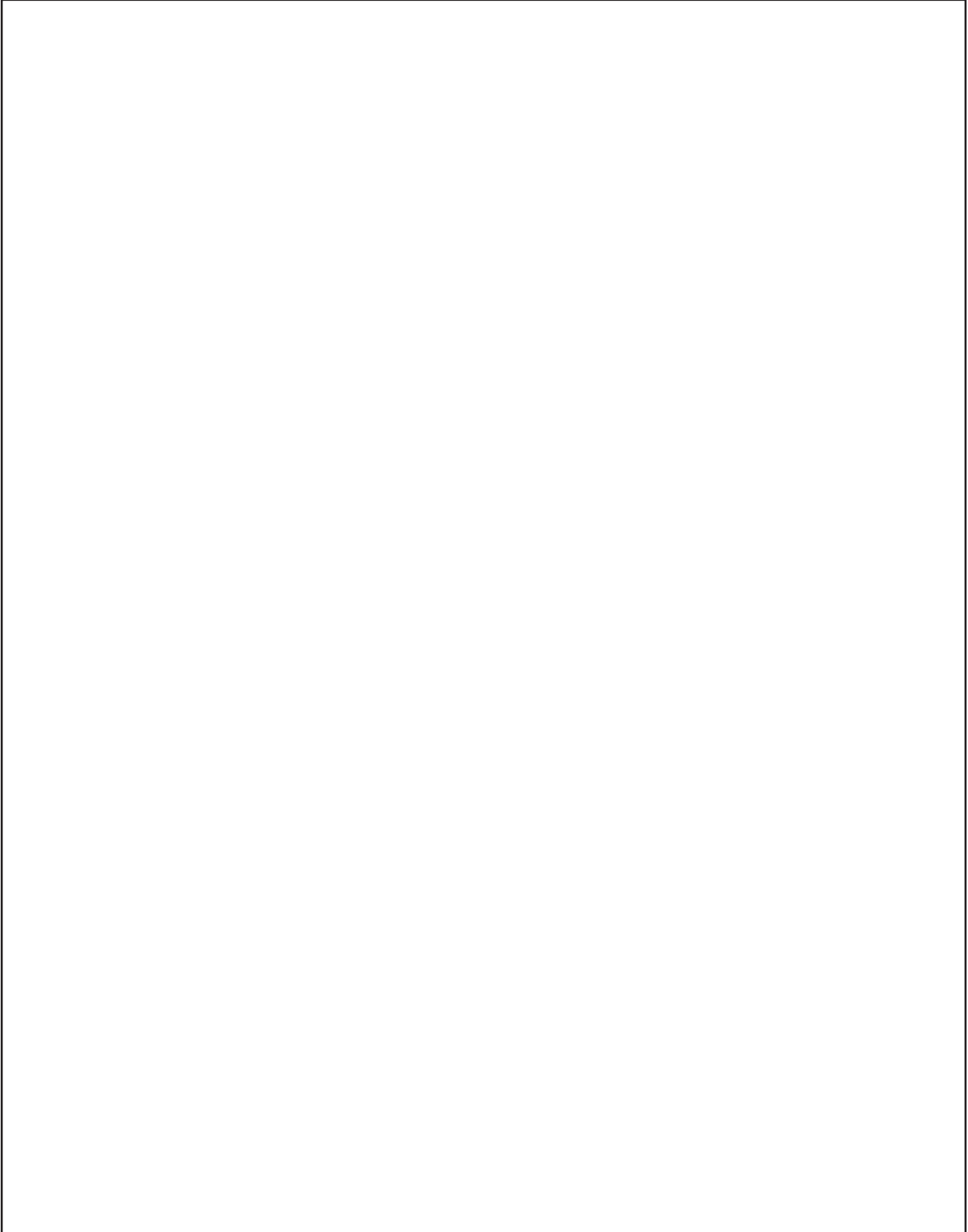
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POWERFUL OWL

Drawing Activity

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Paper Plate Bee

What you will need:

Paper plate

Yellow and black paint

Googly eyes

White tissue paper

Yellow pipe cleaner

Instructions:

1. Paint your plate yellow and leave it to dry. Then paint black stripes across the body.
2. Cut out two tear drop shapes from the tissue paper for the wings and then glue them onto the body.
3. Stick on the googly eye at the front of the bee.
4. Stick the yellow pipe cleaner to the back of the bee as its sting.
5. And you're done! The end result should look like this:

