



TWITCH

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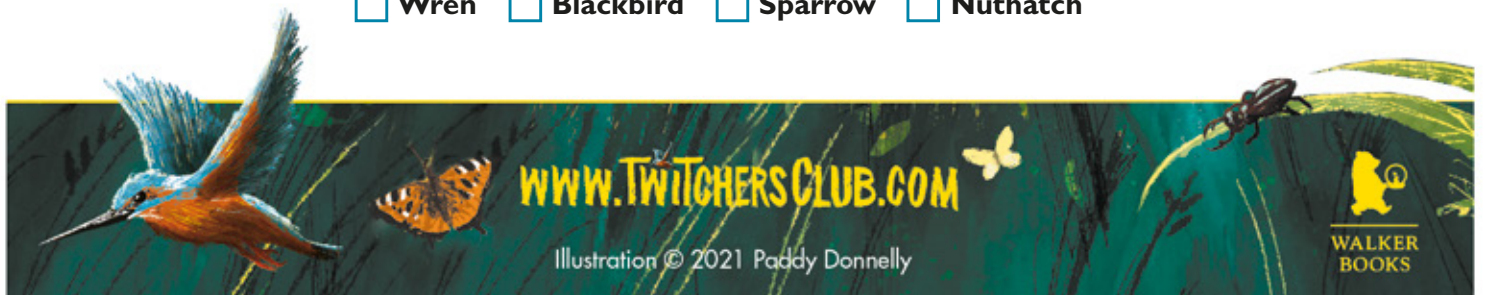


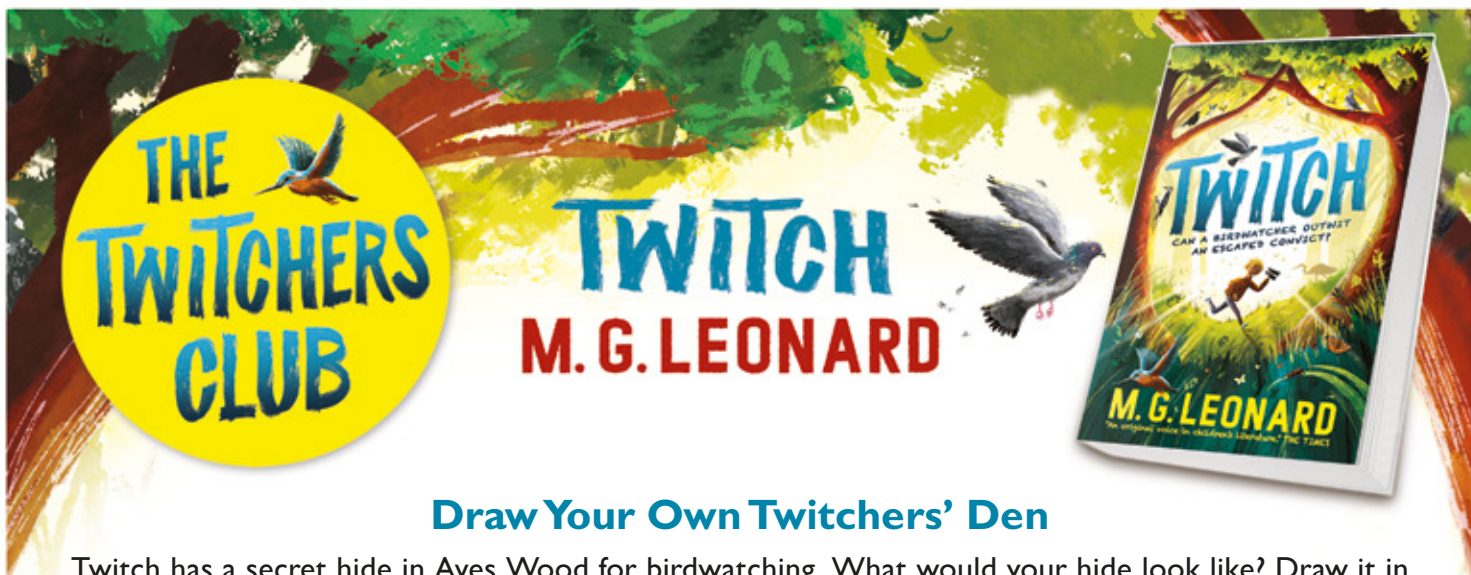
Bird Words

Can you help Twitch find the bird words in the wordsearch below?

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I G W R D K I N G F I S H E R
R B N N L F C I K Q I D B E H
D W N U T H A T C H T B A Q Z

- Twitcher Pigeon Kingfisher Chicken Dawn Chorus Warbler
 Wren Blackbird Sparrow Nuthatch





Draw Your Own Twitchers' Den

Twitch has a secret hide in Aves Wood for birdwatching. What would your hide look like? Draw it in the space provided, using the description below for help. Better yet, get outside and make your own!

"It was the shape and size of a triangular two-man tent and constructed from a sheet of plastic thrown over a bough of the beech tree. It was walled in with branches, wedged into trenches in the ground and tied where they criss-crossed at the top. He'd filled the trenches with soil, banking it up to keep out rivulets of rain. Gaps were stuffed with leafy sticks and he'd woven fern fronds through them, plugging any holes with moss, until the hide had blended in with the forest on all sides."





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CUT OUT YOUR VERY OWN HONORARY TWITCHERS' BADGE!

Twitchers' Toolkit

- Light Backpack
- Notebook
- Binoculars
- Pen or Pencil

Make your own Bird Seed Balls

What you will need:

- Lard
- Birdseed
- Pine Cone(s)
- Twine/String

Instructions:

1. Leave your lard out to warm to room temperature
2. Clean the pine cone(s), then tie a long piece of string around the base of each one
3. Mix the birdseed with lard until it all sticks together
4. Push the mixture between the pine cone scales to create your seed ball
5. Pop them in the fridge until the lard has set hard
6. Hang the seed balls in a quiet, sheltered area

Try to spot the birds below in your garden or local park

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Starling | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Pigeon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Magpie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Tit | <input type="checkbox"/> Robin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Crow |

Help a bird build a nest

Find some shallow bowls and fill each of them with some of the items listed. Leave these bowls somewhere in your garden, visible but sheltered, and hopefully birds will come and take the materials they need.

List of materials:

- Straw
- Grass
- Dead Leaves
- Moss
- Cotton Wool
- Mud
- Pieces of String





THE TWITCHERS CLUB CERTIFICATE

“I (write your name here)

do solemnly swear never to knowingly hurt a bird. I will respect my feathered friends and help them when they are in need. I will protect every bird, be it rare, endangered or common, and fight to conserve their habitats, or may crows peck out my eyes when I'm dead. For I am a twitcher, now and forever.”

