

We're going for a walk outside,
exploring by the riverside.

Look what I found!

Two seed heads on stalks, like tiny drumsticks.



Can you also see ... ?
One signpost
Two fish jumping
Three birds flying

There are all sorts of different plants to spot on a river path. Some of them even grow in the water.

Some trees like growing next to rivers. You might see a water-loving willow drooping its long leaves out over a riverbank.

Plantains often sprout up around paths. They have cone-shaped seed heads on long stalks. They're fun to wave around, as if you're drumming in a band!

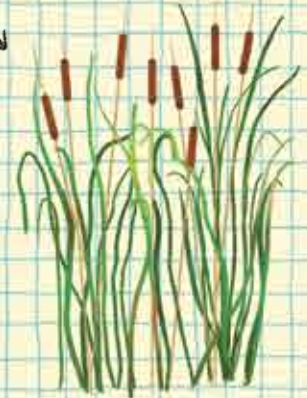
Watch out for nettles. They are covered in tiny hairs that will sting you if you brush against them. Ouch! The stings are to stop animals eating the nettles.

WATER PLANTS TO SPOT:

Long spiky grass



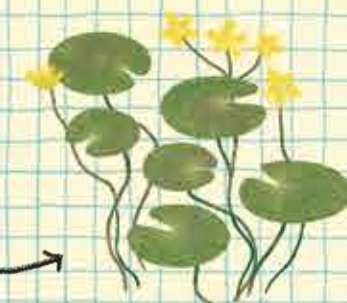
Extra-tall brown bulrushes



Waterweed waving in the current



Flowers on plants that grow on the water



Quack, quack! A feathery friend
comes bobbing round the river bend.

Look what I found!
A shiny, smooth river pebble.



Can you also see ... ?
One silvery spider's web
Two little frogs
Three darting dragonflies

Lots of different birds live down by the river. It's a good place for them to find tasty fish, frogs and insects.

Swimming birds have a layer of waterproof outer feathers to keep them dry. Hidden underneath are small fluffy feathers to keep them warm and cosy.

Swans and ducks have skin stretched between their toes. This is called webbing and it makes their feet wide like paddles - perfect for swimming through the water.

Swans and ducks make their nests hidden in the riverbank reeds. They hope to lay their eggs safe from hungry creatures such as foxes and badgers.

RIVER BIRDS TO SPOT:

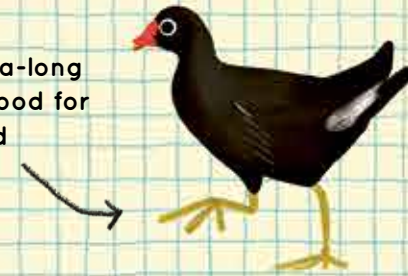
Kingfisher

A bird with a long sharp beak for grabbing fish



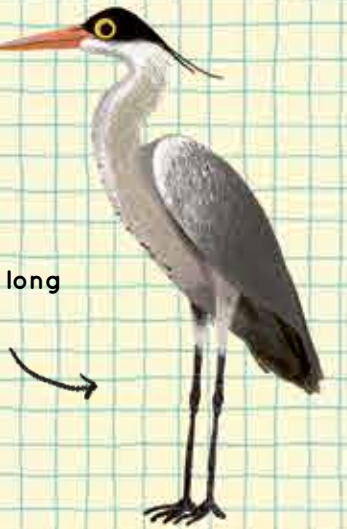
Moorhen

A bird with extra-long toes that are good for walking on mud



Heron

A bird with very long legs for wading



Swan

A bird that puts its head underwater as it swims, to feed on plants and insects

