

# 3 Photograph wildlife

SCAVENGER HUNT PHOTO CONTEST

Join in our nature photography contest and capture great images.

### What you need

- A camera or smartphone
- Outside space
- Plenty of time (and patience)
- An adult

### Expert tips

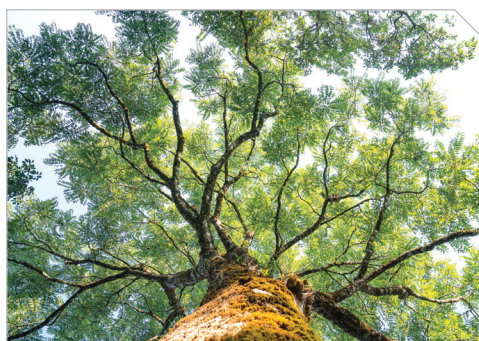
We are excited to welcome Ellie Rothnie as an expert judge for this year's Scavenger Hunt Photo Contest. Rothnie is a wildlife photographer and Canon Ambassador, and has won loads of prizes, including British Wildlife Photography Awards. We asked Rothnie to give her top four tips for young nature photographers (see right). She also gave us a bonus one – "To create an emotional connection with your subject, photograph them at eye level." To find out how to enter this year's competition, go to [tinyurl.com/SN-SH25](https://tinyurl.com/SN-SH25)



**1** Before you go out, check the weather so you know what to wear. If it's raining, don't worry – great pictures of animals can be taken in rainy weather and raindrops add an extra detail.



**2** Choose your subject and approach slowly so that the animal is not scared. Then wait patiently, allowing things to happen around you. You might be able to capture some action shots.



**3** By thinking like an animal, you will have a better idea of where to find it. Try lying down on the ground to be level with your subject. A local park is a great place to find animals, birds and bugs.



**4** Once you've got your subject, focus with your camera or smartphone. Try different shutter speeds to add a creative element to your picture.

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### EARLY RISERS

Animals and birds can be more active in the morning.

