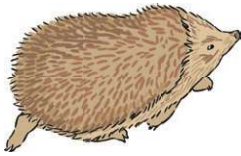


Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs can be found almost everywhere in the UK. They are able to live in cities and towns, and can commonly be found on railway land as well as wastelands and gardens. They do not live on mountainsides or wet areas because there is not much food for them and there are less areas for them to nest.



Did you know?

Hedgehogs also have a very small tail.

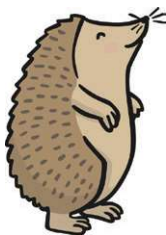
What do they look like?

Hedgehogs are small, spiky mammals. They give birth to young called hoglets. Adult hedgehogs have 25mm long spines along their backs and sides, but not on their faces or legs. Here, they are covered in tough, brown fur. They usually have between five thousand and seven thousand spines!

What do they eat?

Hedgehogs are often called the Gardener's Friend because they eat slugs and beetles. Slugs damage plants so gardeners are often pleased to see a hedgehog in their garden. They also eat earthworms.

To improve the chance of a hedgehog visiting your garden, you could leave a small saucer of cat or dog food out as they like the meat. Make sure you leave a saucer of water out too, especially in the summer months.



No milk for hedgehogs!

You should not leave milk out for hedgehogs because they cannot digest the lactose within it and they can become very poorly.