

Find Spike and Spot the Differences

Hedgehogs do not have good eyesight. They can only see basic shapes and outlines, but their hearing and sense of smell makes up for this (as well as their ability to hide into their surroundings). Can you spot the differences and find where Spike is hiding?

Spot the differences: There are 7 differences, some are easy, some are hard to find. Can you spot the differences between the two pictures?

Find Spike: There are 7 little hedgehogs hiding in this picture, can you find them all?

This image is also a great way to discuss hedgehog hazards and ways to make your garden hedgehog friendly. Can you spot the items in this picture that are also in our board game?

(**Hint:** You can find the answers on the last page, but no cheating! Try it out first.)

Hazards:

- **Slug pellet:** slug pellets can make hedgehogs very sick, either eating them directly or by eating slugs and snails that were killed with pellets.
- **Ponds:** ponds can be a danger if they do not have an accessible area that allows hedgehogs to exit.
- **Strimmer:** strimmers are used to cut grass areas, but they cause serious injuries to hedgehogs. When hedgehogs sense danger they roll up into a ball and can then easily be hurt with strimmers. Remember to be hedgehog safe - before cutting any area, check for hedgehogs.
- **Food:** hedgehogs can't eat many of our foods. For example, they are lactose intolerant. Feeding them leftovers can make them sick.
- **Shed:** check before closing your shed as a cheeky hedgehog could have found a safe haven and hidden inside.
- **Pets:** pets might find hedgehogs interesting and accidentally hurt them. Keep an eye out, especially when out on early morning walks.

Benefits:

- **Food:** high protein dog/cat food is a good way to help hedgehogs by supplementing their food. Please ensure you get the right one, with as high as possible protein content.
- **Hedgehog highway:** hedgehog highways provide a way for hedgehogs to move between different habitats and gardens. This is a lot safer than going through roads. All it takes is a small 13 by 13 cm hole to allow them through.
- **Hedges:** hedges have the food hedgehogs love (creepy crawlies) and provide a safe way to move around and avoid predators.
- **Pile of leaves:** a cosy hedgehog bed! Hedgehogs love piles of leaves, yet they are often removed from gardens by burning them. Please check for hedgehogs before disturbing leaf piles or compost heaps.
- **Water:** access to water is essential, especially in hot weather. Leaving some water out in a shallow dish goes a long way to help hedgehogs.







Differences: Missing snail, leaf, mushroom, paint. Added paw, leaf and blush



Hedgehogs can be found in: In the shed, at the right edge of the hedge by the hedgehog highway, in the leaf pile there are two, under the wooden decking, and one is stuck on the top hedge leading to the shed.