



# Children's Activity Sheets for Love Your Burial Ground/ Churches Count on Nature Week



# Signs and Symbols Scavenger Hunt

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Star of David



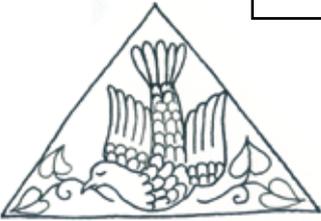
Lamb



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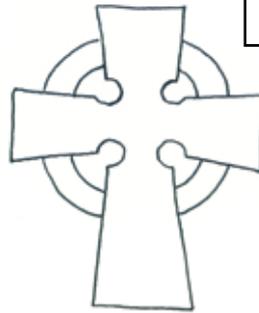
Crescent and star



Dove



Book or scroll



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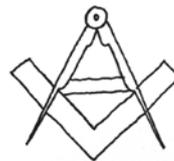
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Urn



Ivy



tools of the trade



Wreath



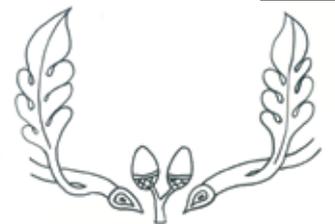
Flowers



Angel



ISH



Oak leaves or tree

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## **Crescent and star**

This is a symbol of Islam as is the name of god or the greatest name

## **Ship**

A ship or a boat could mark the grave of a sailor, it is also a symbol for taking a journey.

## **Lamb**

Jesus as the lamb of God, also a symbol of gentleness and innocence

## **Star of David or 6 Pointed Star**

This is a symbol of Judaism or a Masonic symbol

## **Hands**

Hands clasped means a close bond like a marriage. Hands pointing down is thought to mean a sudden death and pointing up means heaven.

## **Cross**

You may find different types of cross but they all symbolise a strong Christian faith.

## **Book or scroll**

This could symbolise faith or a scholar. The book may be a bible symbolising a religious person or a prayer. A scroll is a symbol of life and time.

## **Dove**

This is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and of the release of the soul after death

## **Wreath**

This is a symbol of victory over death

## **Tools of the Trade**

You may find a symbol that shows a job or hobby. An anvil or hammer could be the symbol of a blacksmith. A violin could be a symbol for a musician and miner's lamp a miner.

## **Ivy**

Ivy has many meanings including memory, immortality, friendship, faithfulness, undying affection and eternal life.

## **Urn**

This is a Greek symbol of mourning, symbolising sadness. An urn was originally used to put the ashes of the dead in ancient times.

## **Oak leaves or tree**

The oak tree has many meanings including hospitality, stability, strength, honour, eternity, endurance and liberty. It is believed to have been the tree from which Jesus Christ's cross was made.

## **ISH**

This is Latin for *Jesus Hominum Salvator* which means Jesus the Saviour of Man. IHS are also the first 3 letters of the Greek word for Jesus.

## **Angel**

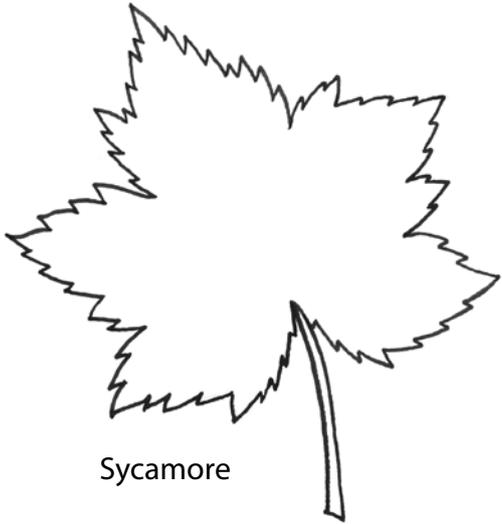
Angels are the agents of God, often pointing towards heaven. They could symbolise the guardians of the dead and spirituality.

## **Flowers**

They are often found on gravestones and mean many different things including love, beauty and hope. The lily is an ancient Greek symbol of motherhood.

# Sketch Your Own Symbols


# LEAF TEMPLATES



Sycamore



Hawthorn



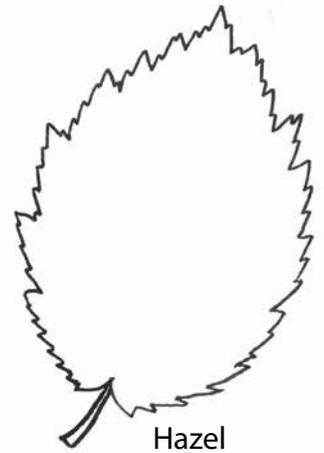
Holly



Oak



Ash



Hazel



Which leaves can you find?  
Can you find different ones?

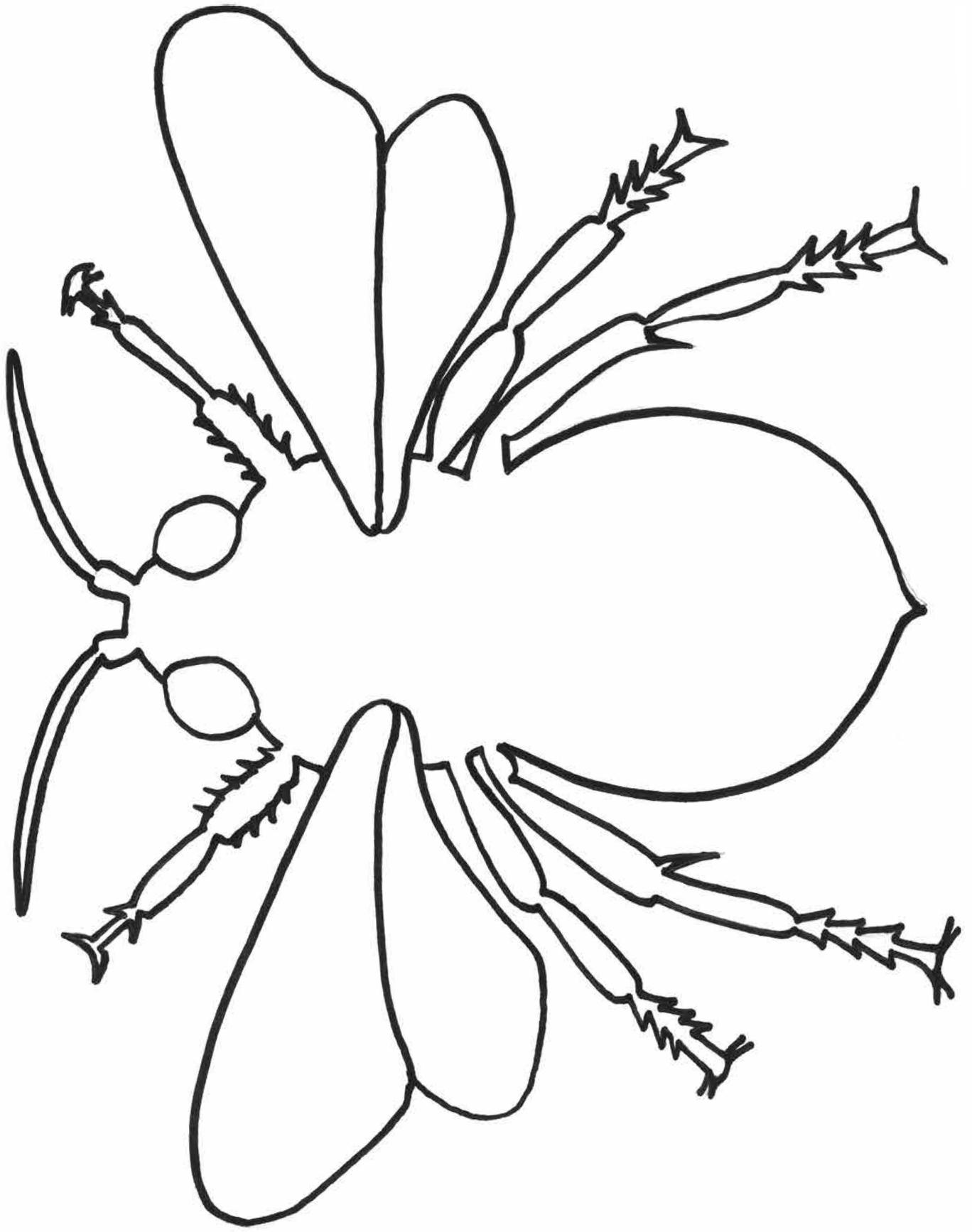


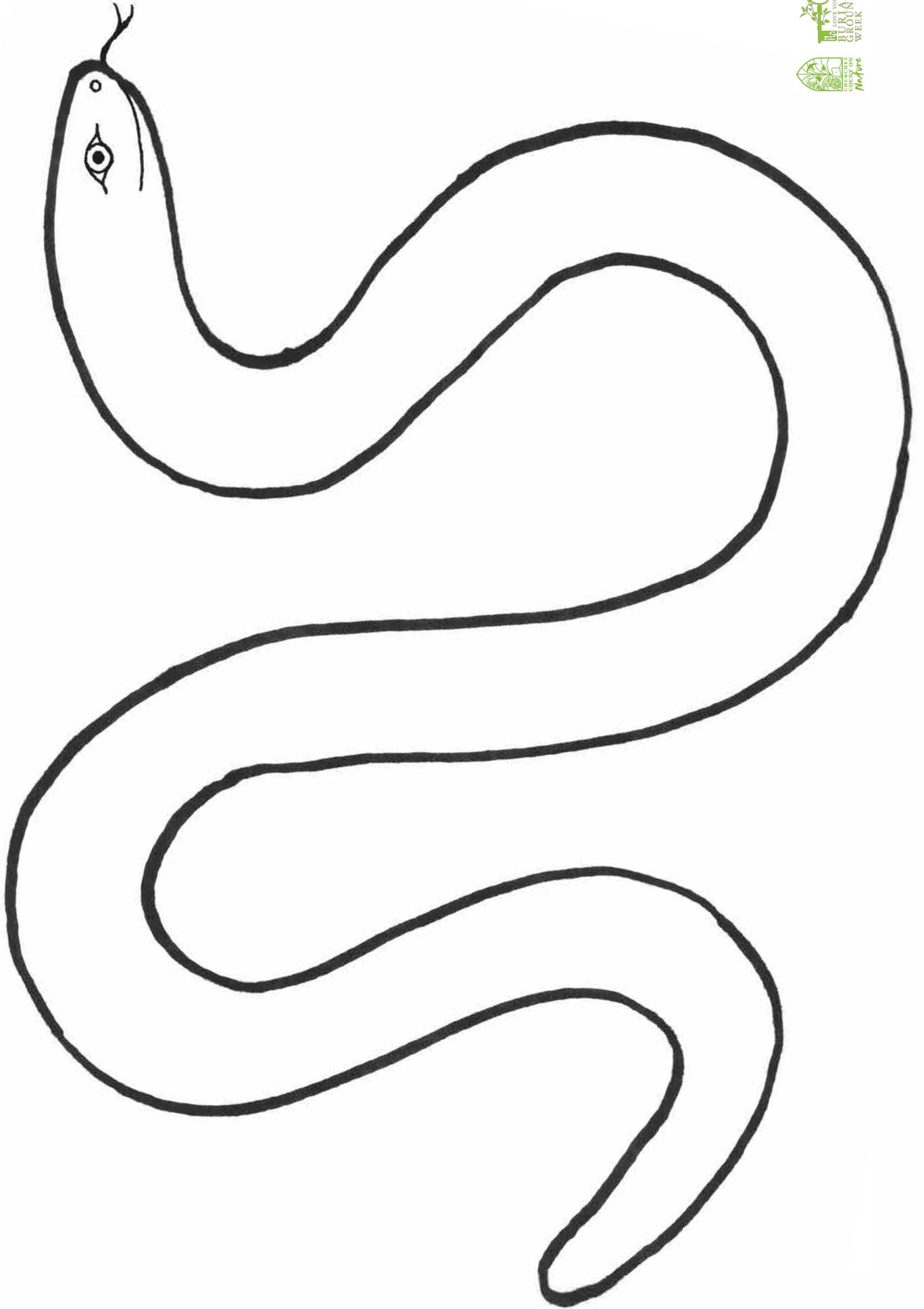
Yew

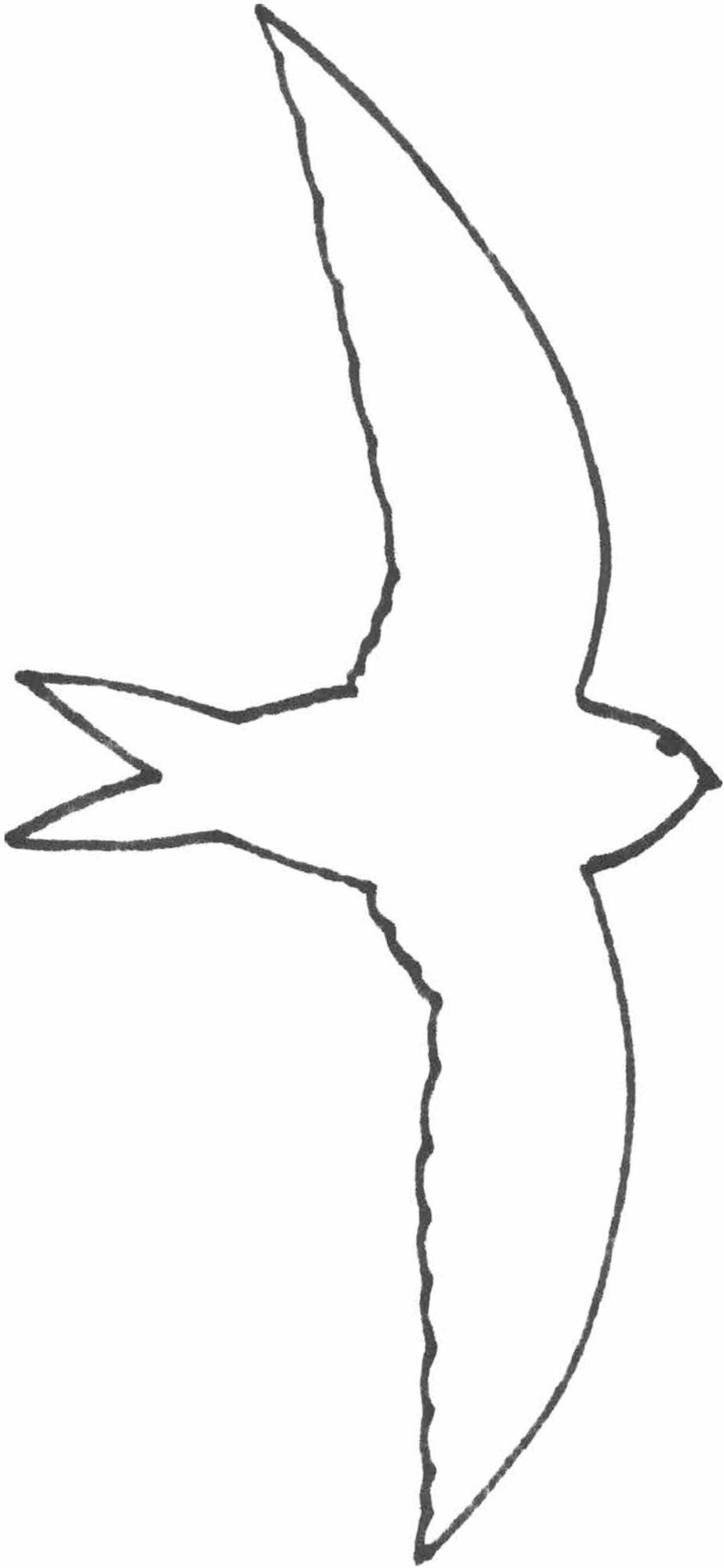


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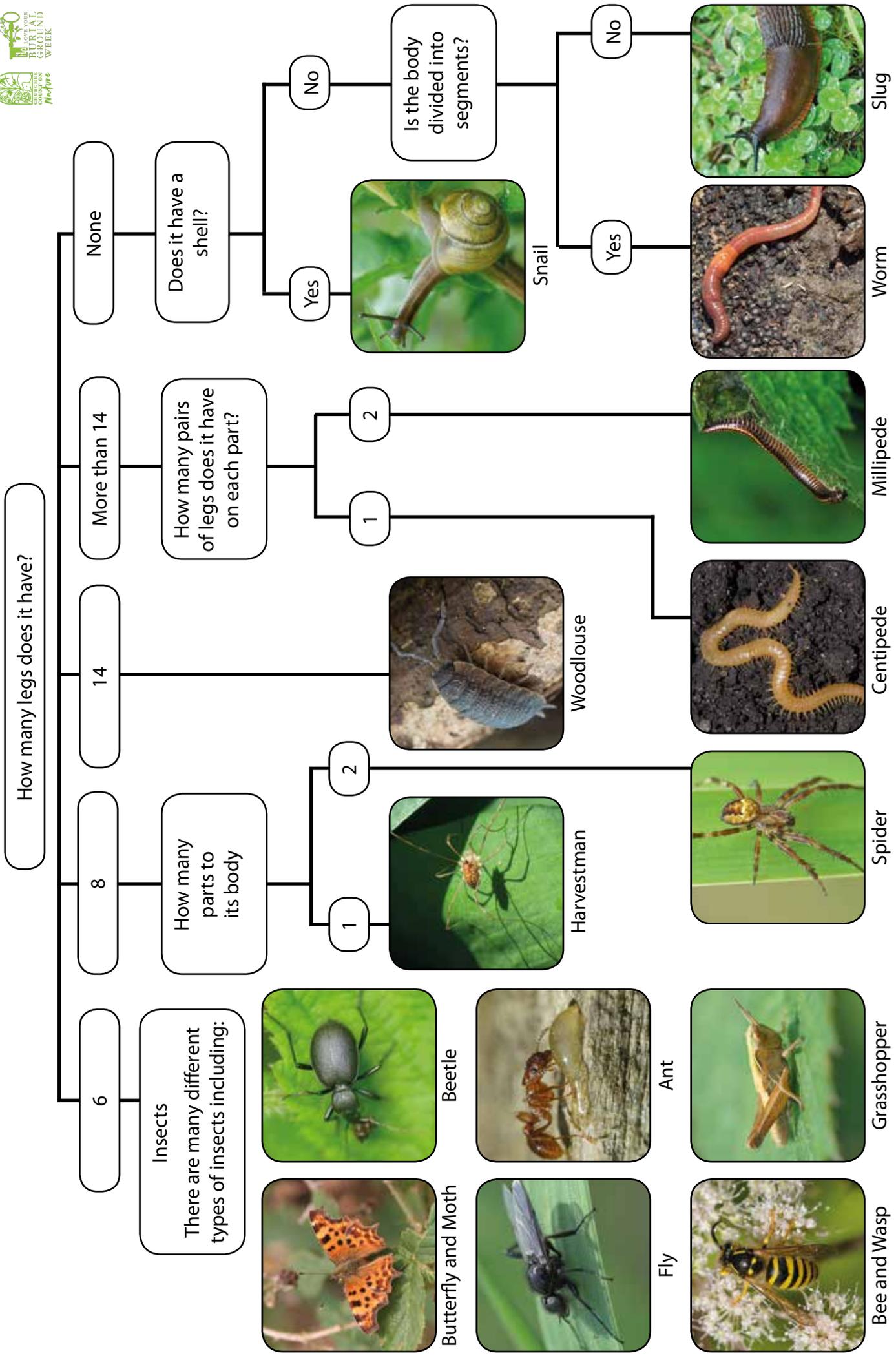








# Minibeast Identification Key



# Wildflower Spotter Sheet

Can you spot any of these plants in your burial ground?  
Once you have identified a plant you can submit your findings as a record.  
Visit <http://tinyurl.com/sharerecords> to find out how.



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Bellflower



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Buttercup



CaringforGod'sAcre

Common Knapweed



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Red Campion



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Selfheal



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Forget-me-not



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Meadow Cranesbill



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Ivy Leaved Toadflax