

WHERE THE WILD
ONES LEARN

What Goes Bump in the Night Nature Study

EARLY YEARS

AGES AROUND 3-5

THROUGH THE WILD LENS™

Night animals, shared noticing and play

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Common glow-worm: adult female

Lampyris noctiluca

LOOK TOGETHER

The adult female is wingless and can look rather like a larva. She is a beetle. This photograph shows her body, not a demonstration of the brightness of her glow.

FOR THE ADULT

The adult female produces a greenish light that signals to flying males. The larvae also glow faintly and feed on snails and slugs. The adult female’s light is not a lure for catching flying insects.

FOLLOW THEIR NOTICE

A child might point, compare, move like the animal or look briefly and move on. Offer a useful word or explanation when it helps. The photograph is available to return to; naming the animal is not a test.



Species reference photographs; not a local wildlife record.

Read more: Common glow-worm

A lantern for an indoor story

YOU MIGHT NEED

A translucent plastic pot, coloured paper, tape or glue and an enclosed battery light.

MAKE A LANTERN FOR A STORY

A reused translucent plastic pot, paper and a safely enclosed battery light can become a story prop. An adult chooses and operates the light, secures its battery compartment and manages all cutting.

MAKE IT THEIR OWN

The child might add a shape, change the story or prefer the pot without a light. A paper window held near ordinary room light is another route.

The photo shows a decorated jar. For this activity, use a plastic pot and an enclosed battery light.

KEEP ANIMAL PLACES DARK

This is an indoor prop. A brighter wildlife area is not automatically better for its animals. Do not leave the lantern outdoors, use it to attract insects or shine it towards a shelter.

