WABBIT'S ADVENTURES IN THE GARDEN

The Scavenger Hunt



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This is my friend, Wabbit. He's a rabbit.



Wabbit is quite old so he hasn't been going out much lately. Wabbit can remember a time when he was a very young rabbit and a terrible disease ran through the warren and some of his family died. Rabbits caught a disease called myxomatosis which attacked their eyes and made them blind.

Wabbit stayed safe and now has grown old and grey, and just a bit, well, tatty.

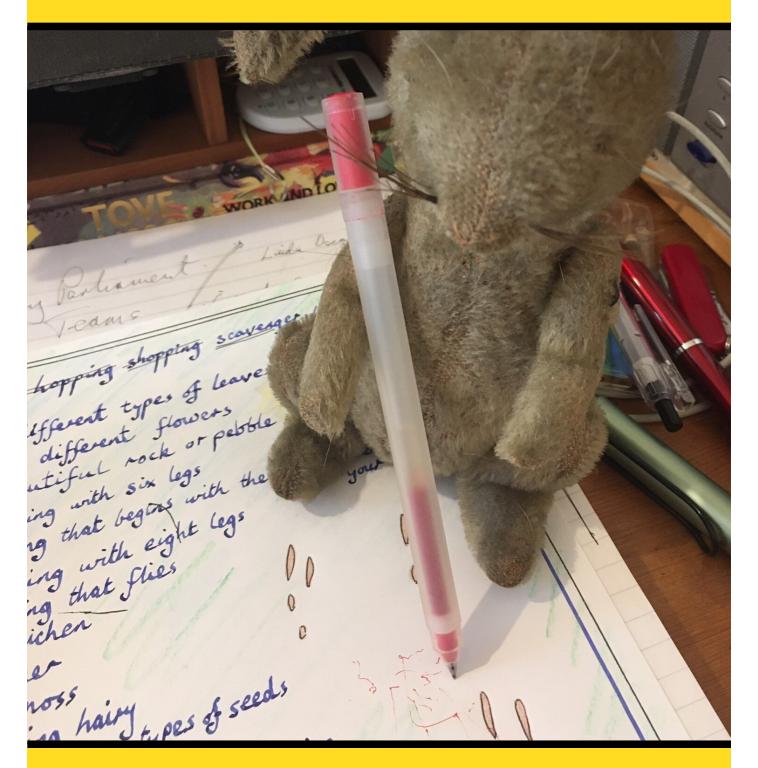
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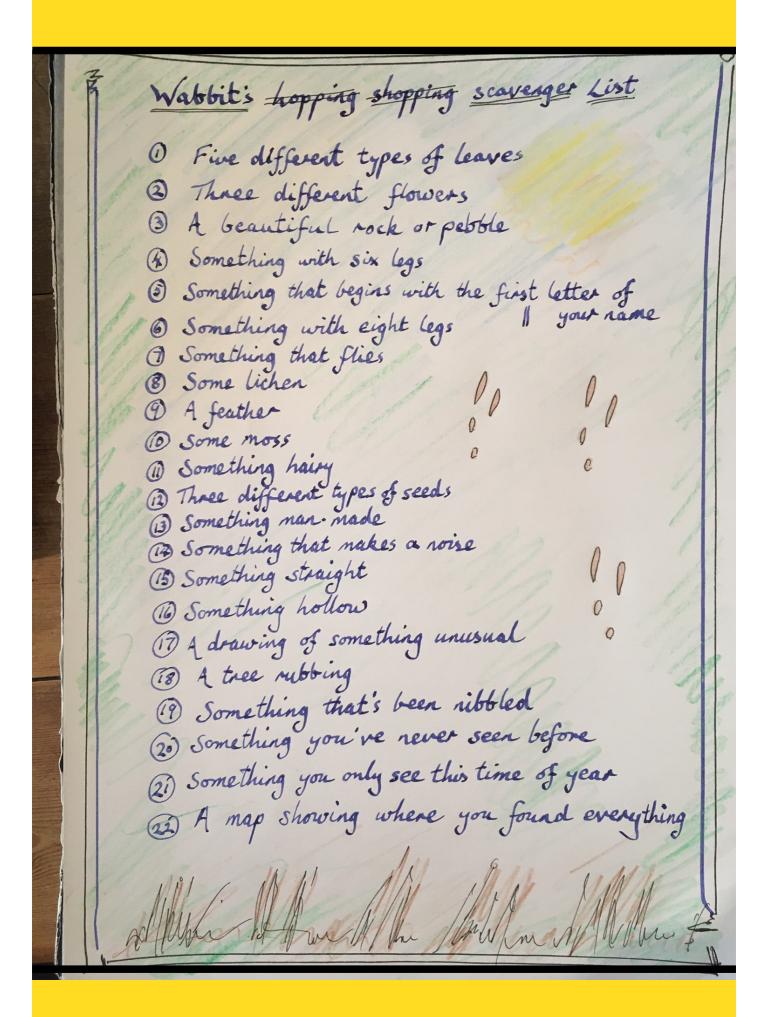
Now Wabbit has been staying safe again... he's been doing a lot of pottering around in the garden, and he says he needs our help to find some things he's looking for.



Actually Wabbit can't say anything, after all he is a rabbit, and I've not heard a rabbit talk, have you?

But he did leave me this list of things he would like us to look for in the garden.





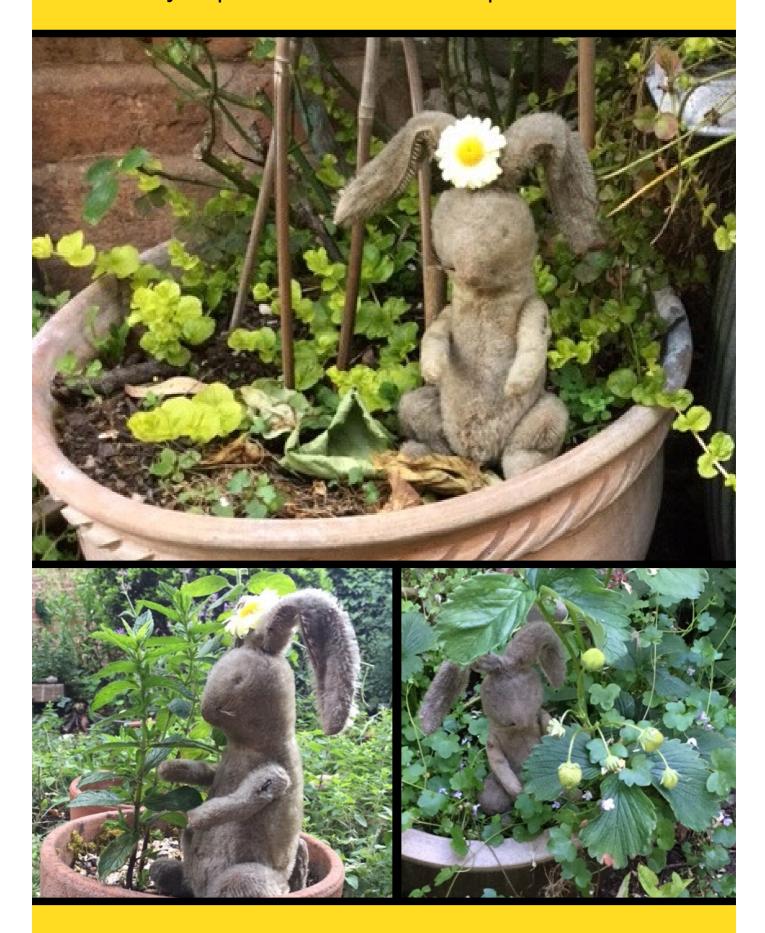
It wasn't too hard to find five different types of leaves, and Wabbit found a nasturtium leaf of his own.

That also ticked number 19 on the list – something that's been nibbled.



And Wabbit also likes flowers, so we quickly found one, which he tucked behind his ears.

Wabbit jumped into the flower pots.



Wabbit liked nibbling at the mint, but the strawberries were still green and sour.

Wabbit sat by the pond.

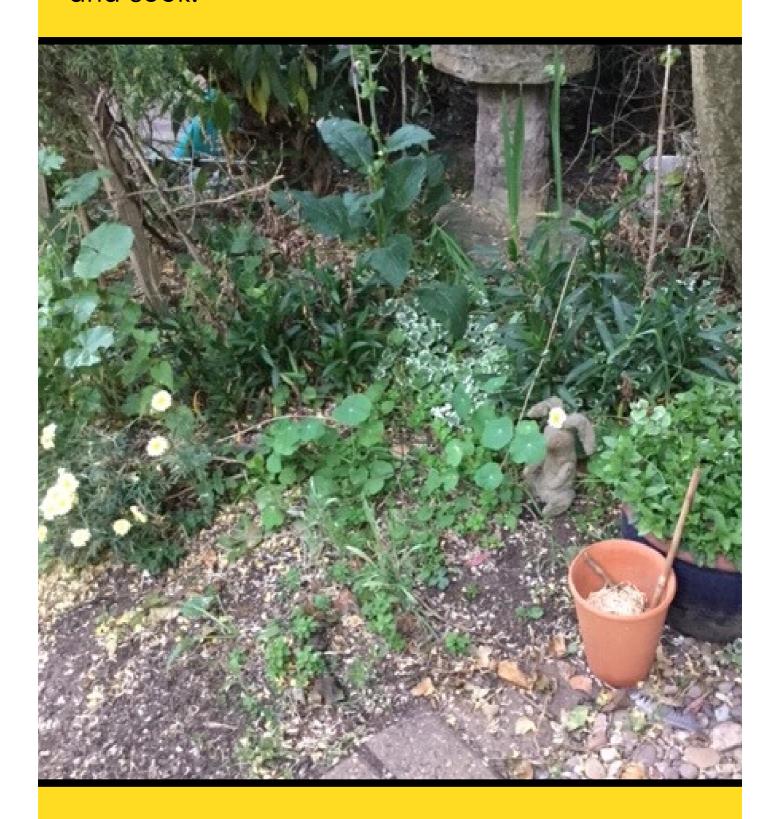
He could see some moss, number 10 on the scavenger hunt list, and something that flies, number 7. Can you see it too?



And in the pond there was something Wabbit had never seen before, number 20 on the list. Can you guess what it is?

No, not a frog, though frogs have lived there before. It was a newt! What can you find out about things that live in ponds?

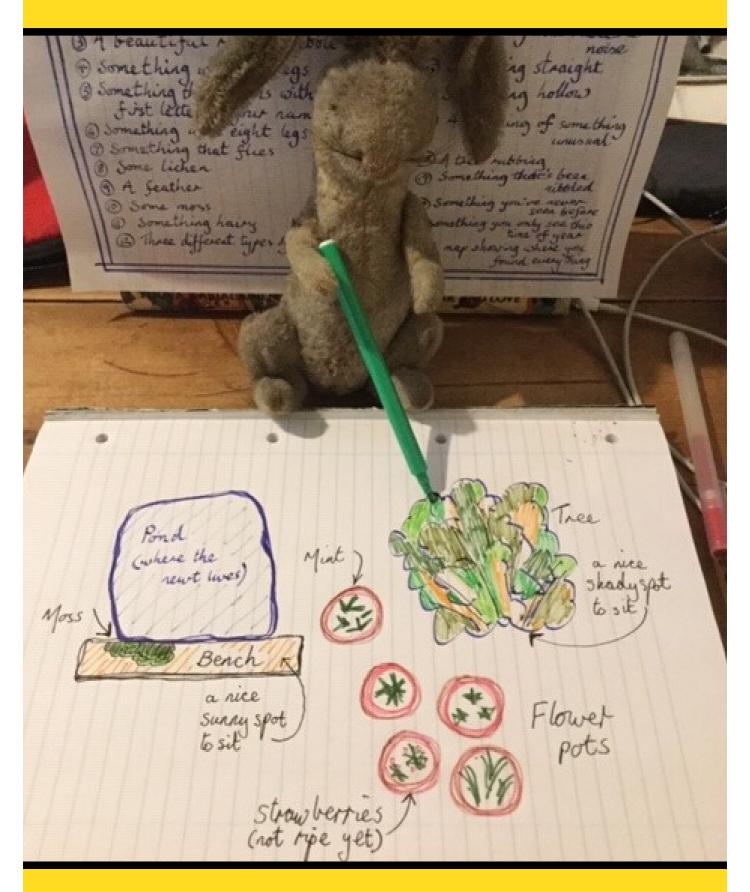
Wabbit then decided to play a game of hide and seek.



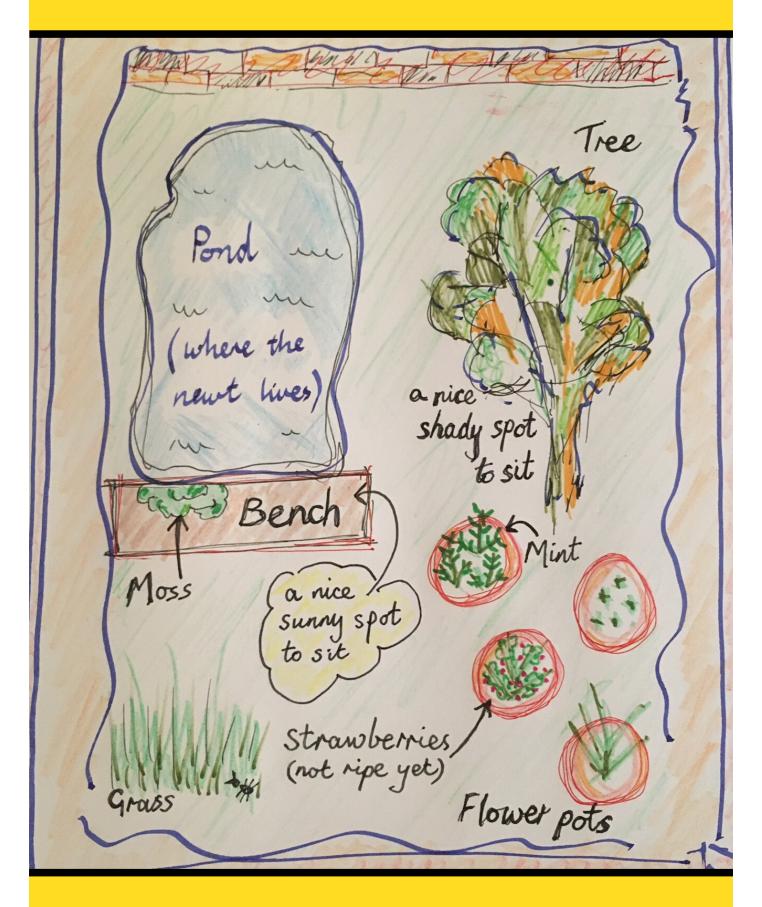
I don't think he's very good at hiding, do you?

What might help animals blend in with their surroundings?

Wabbit decided to make a map of the garden to remember where things are, especially his favourite leaves.



This is Wabbit's map.



If you find everything on Wabbit's scavenger hunt list, can you show where you found them on your garden map?

Wabbit says thank you for helping him.



Can you think of anything else Wabbit should look for in the garden?

What about thinks he can smell, or touch, or hear?

Can you think of any ideas that will help nature?

We hope you will join us next time for more of Wabbit's Adventures in the Garden!

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The book is intended to be used at storytime with young children, and as a resource for families to do their own scavenger hunt in the garden, local park or on a walk.

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