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Janvāris

January



The Seals live in the Atlantic Ocean or in the Baltic Sea. The males can be 3.5 m long, but the females to 2.5 m. Their weight can reach 300 kg. They mostly eat fish. Their big eyes help them to see in the dark water. But the blind seals can hunt their food without difficulty.

Pelēkais ronis Grey Seal Grey

<http://dabasdati.lv/site/img/pub/1/3/234/11427479701.jpg>

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Februāris

February



The European Green Toads live in Europe. Mostly we can meet them in the rivers. Their body length can reach 4,8 cm to 12 cm. The Toad's back can be grey or olive green, with green, marked spots.

Zaļais krupis **European Green Toad** **Bufo viridis**

[https://lv.wikipedia.org/wiki/Za%C4%BCais_krupis#/media/File:Bufo_viridis_\(Marek_Szczepanek\).jpg](https://lv.wikipedia.org/wiki/Za%C4%BCais_krupis#/media/File:Bufo_viridis_(Marek_Szczepanek).jpg)

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Marts

March



The wild geese live in the reeds and overgrown fish ponds.

The wild geese are bigger than the grey geese. They have massive bodies, strong, tall necks, big heads and beaks. They bodies are 76 - 90 cm tall but the distend of the wings is 147 – 180 cm. The wild geese eat grains, roots and leaves.

Meža zoss Wild Goose Anser anser

http://www.ornitofaunistika.com/lvp/img/lvp_ansans01.jpg

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Aprīlis

April



The otters live in almost all continents except Australia and Antarctica. They have got long bodies and short legs. The body length can reach 1,8 metres and they can weight up to 45 kg. The otters eat fish. They are very attractive animals.

Ūdrs Otter Lutrinae

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Maijs

May



The black storks are big birds. Their length is about 145–155 cm and their weight is around 3 kg. The black storks feed on amphibians and insects. They live in large marshy wetlands or broadleaved woodlands, but also inhabit on hills and mountains .

Melnais stārķis Black Stork Ciconia nigra

<http://spi4.itvnet.lv/upload/articles/32/326367/images/Melnais-starkis-2.jpg>

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Jūnijs

June



The Clouded Apollo is a butterfly species of the family of swallowtail butterflies. They inhabit in all European countries. In Latvia they appear rarely and only in the valleys of some rivers in Kurzeme. The swallowtail butterflies are usually large however in Latvia they can reach only 13 cm. The adult swallowtails sip nectar, sometimes water or juice of trees and fruit.

Cīrulīšu dižtauriņš *Clouded Apollo*
Parnassius mnemosyne L.

https://dabasfoto.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/cirul_5.jpg?w=642&h=602

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Jūlijs

July



The Brown-Lipped Snail is a species of air-breathing land snail. It is one of the most common species of land snail in Europe and it is among the largest and best-known snails in Western Europe. They live in shrubs and open woods, dunes, gardens and roadside. The colour of the shell is very variable: it can be reddish, brownish, yellow or whitish, with or without one or more dark-brown colour bands.

Birztaļu vīngliemezis *Brown-Lipped Grovesnail*
Cepaea nemoralis L.

http://www.dziedava.lv/daba/dzukstes_pag/m_gliemis_231010.jpg

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Augusts

August



The European pond turtles are medium size turtles and they can be 12 to 38 cm long. Their shell is brown with a hint of green and yellow spots. The pond turtles eat all kind of small water anor land creatures. The turtles prefer to live in wetlands surrounded by a large proportion of natural, wooded, landscape.

Eiropas purva bruņurupucis
European Pond Turtle Emys orbicularis.

http://www.naturephoto-cz.com/photos/maly/purva-bru%C5%86urupucis-23x_1703.jpg

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Septembris

September



The Stock Doves are the largest among the pigeons. They are usually light grey or brown, often with a white head or neck labels and they have got green or purple spots on their necks and chests. Their length is 28 - 32 cm but the stretched wings are 60 - 66 cm width. The Stock Doves weight from 250 - 300g. They eat seeds of grass, weeds, grain and berries.

Meža balodis Stock Dove Columba oenas

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stock_dove#/media/File:Columba_oenas1.jpg

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Oktobris

October



The Flying squirrels' bodies length is 13,5 to 20,5 cm and their weight is about 95-170 g. They mostly live in old mixed-woods. The Flying Squirrels eat fruit, seeds, nuts, grain or acorns.

Lidvāvere Flying Squirrel Aeschylus volans

<https://www.cognisys-inc.com/how-to/sabre/flying-squirrels/images/flying-squirrel.jpg>

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Novembris

November



The Bats live in the caves and trees. Their wings are made of leather. They have got small eyes. The Bats eat fruit, insects and suck blood. They are active at twilight, in the morning and at night.

Sikspārnis Bat Chiroptera

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bat#/media/File:Big-eared-townsend-fledermaus.jpg>

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Decembris

December



The Pine Martens populate in Europe. They usually live in thick forests. The Pine Martens are about the size of a domestic cat with a 25 cm long, bushy tail. But their weight is 0,8 - 2,5 kg. Their fur colour varies from dark brown to light brown. The Pine Martens hunt a big variety of small animals - rodents, squirrels, bunnies, birds, insects, frogs.

Meža cauna Pine Marten Martes martes

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