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Canna
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Help us to keep our seabirds safe from invasive predators

The accidental or intentional introduction of predators such as rats, stoats, mink and feral cats to islands is a serious threat to the UK's breeding seabirds.

We are working hard to raise awareness of the threat of invasive predators and put in place systems to prevent their accidental introduction to islands.

Thanks for reading!



What is
'Biosecurity'?





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'Biosecurity'

Biosecurity is the actions we take to protect islands like Canna from invasive predators. Ways you can help include packing your bag on the day you travel and checking for signs of stowaways before boarding a boat to an island.

'Invasive Predator'

An invasive predator is an animal that has been introduced to an island by humans, and threatens native species like ground-nesting birds by eating their eggs and chicks - seabirds can't defend themselves from these skilled hunters



A



A

Ask a ranger how they know there are no rats on Canna and why this is important



B





B

**Be still...
and admire what
you can see**

C



C

**How many Canna
cat statues can
you count/spot?**



D



D

**Discover some
different
shaped shells
on the beach**



E



E

**Enjoy the smell
of the sea**



F





F

Flowers! Take in the scent of some wildflowers. Imagine you're a pollinator exploring every flower



G

Go on a sound safari. Listen out for five curious sounds in nature



H



H

**How many pairs
of seabirds nest
on the cliffs of
Canna?**




Answer: There are just under
20,000 seabirds on Canna



I





**Imagine
being here on
a stormy night**

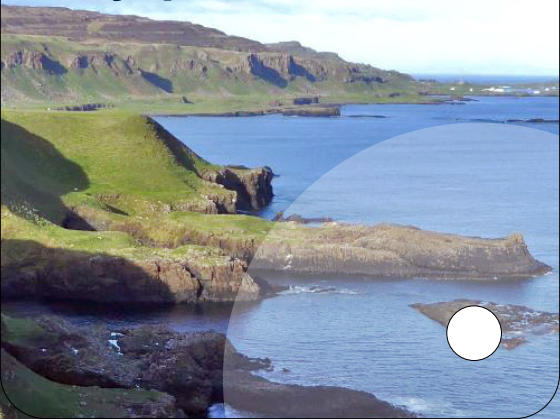


J



J

**Journey up to a
high point and
enjoy the view**



K



K

**Keep your eyes
out for signs of
stowaways**







L

Look up in the sky, what do you see during the day and at night?

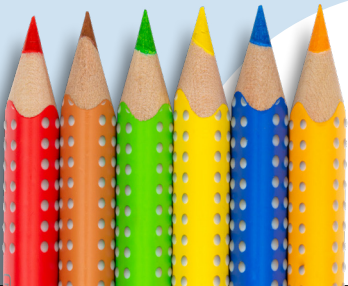


M



M

Make note of what you see and add it to the board in the Community Shop, why not add a poem or drawing too!



N



N

Name five different birds that live on Canna



Possible answers: golden eagle, white tailed eagle, peregrine, kestrel, long eared owl, buzzard, raven, hooded crow, heron, puffin, oystercatcher, kittiwake, shag, fulmar, guillemot, black guillemot, razorbill, great skua, common eider, shelduck, skylark, meadow pipit, twite, stonechat, ringed plover, redshank, curlew







Observe the layers of ancient lava that make up cliff faces. Do you know what kind of rock it is?



Answer: Basalt rock



P



P

Pick up three pieces of plastic and put them in the litter bins





Q



Question: Canna House holds an internationally important archive of Gaelic culture and language, but it also has a unique collection of what insects?



Answer: The collection is of Lepidoptera
(both butterflies and moths)



R



R

**Reflect on how
people used to live
on this island 100
years ago, 500 years
ago, 2000 years ago**



S



S

**Search the sea!
See how many
marine animals you
can spot and let the
Rangers know**



T



T

Take responsibility for biosecurity when you visit any island!

- ✓ **Check your boat**
- ✓ **Check your cargo**
- ✓ **Check your baggage**



U



U

Use your activity pack to notice something new around where you are standing now

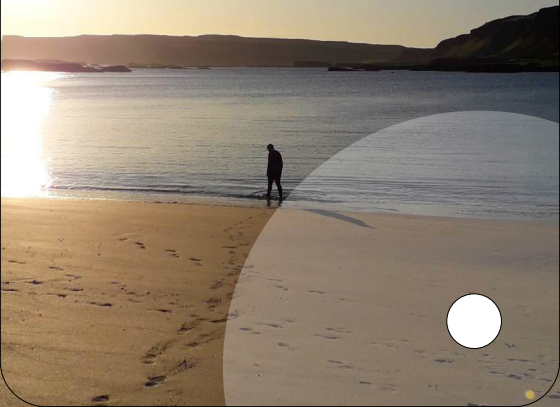


V



V

**Visit Canna's
beaches, can you
spot the difference
between the sands?**



W



W

**Walk one of the
island trails on
the Canna map**



X



X

Xanthoria parietina
is the latin name of
a common lichen.
See if you can find
some and take a
closer look



Y



Y

You are standing on a Special Protection Area, Special Area of Conservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest. Canna is designated for its special wildlife and landscape which is why biosecurity is so important



Z



Z

Zero rats are currently on Canna! When you leave the island, spread the word about biosecurity and help us to keep our amazing seabirds roaming the skies!



SOS



**SAVE OUR SEABIRDS
FROM INVASIVE PREDATORS**





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How can you help?

- ✓ **CHECK YOUR BOAT**
- ✓ **CHECK YOUR CARGO**
- ✓ **CHECK YOUR BAGGAGE**

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