

Curlew Foraging Activity



What you will need

- Sand
- A tray
- Chopsticks or tweezers
- Small objects

e.g. Lego pieces, toy insects or any small 3d objects that can take the place of insects.

Curlews use their long, curved bill to locate and feel for insects in the sediment (mud/sand). They do this as they eat invertebrates (insects), larvae (young insects) and crustaceans like crab.

Curlews feed in wet meadows, forest edges, and marshes during the breeding season (summer), but move to coastal marine mudflats during nonbreeding season (winter).

Let's forage like a curlew!

1. In your tray place your small objects which are taking the place of insects and cover them all in sand.
2. Mix it about so you don't know where the objects are.
3. Next take your chopsticks or tweezers and feel around in the sand and see what you can catch.

