



# Poems about Nature

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## Scots Nature Poetry

**WRITE A POEM ABOUT AN ANIMAL - WILD, DOMESTIC OR MYTHICAL - IN SCOTS**



### Writing Tips

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#### Step 1

Think of a few animals which you might like to write a poem about. Think of their Scots names. It could be a bird or a fish as well. It could also be a mythical animal from a story you've read. You might want to invent an entirely new creature from your imagination. Use the Scots Nature Poems **Word Kist** to help you.

#### Step 2

Think about how the animal moves. Where does it live? What does it need to survive? What does it all day and at night? Would you be frightened of it, or could you make friends with it? Is it your pet? Is it from another country? If it was a person, what kind of personality would it have? Happy, sad, cheery, gloomy, suspicious, sleekit.

Here are a couple of poems by pupils from which might give you some ideas.

#### **Prood feathers**

I am braw young earn.  
I am prood o aw ma feathers,  
fawn, broon, gowd, siller and black.  
I am a blether.

I hae sherp claws for me tae show aff.  
I hae a gowden beak for me tae speak,  
lang feathers clean doon ma back.  
They are black.

I wis fleein across the sea lookin doon.  
I saw huge white waves like rams' horns.  
I swooped doon tae tak a closer look.  
I foon the jackpot - a fush!

*Khaya Thomson, St John's Primary, North Ayrshire*

#### **Dug's Poem**

See ma dug,  
It wis bousy like a pug.  
It gies me a paw  
And chases efter ma Maw.  
It lowps in the licht  
And it howls in the nicht.

*Shannon Coulter, P5/4, Comely Park  
Primary, Falkirk*



## Beasties

**brock** badger  
**coo** cow  
**craw** crow  
**deuk** duck  
**doo** dove  
**dug** dog  
**tod** fox  
**trout** trout

**baudrans** cat  
**blackie** blackbird  
**bubblyjock** turkey  
**cuddie** horse  
**earn** eagle  
**hoolet** owl  
**hurcheon** hedgehog  
**jenny-lang-legs**  
**midgie** midge  
**moose** mouse  
**papingo** parrot  
**puddock** frog  
**puggie** monkey  
**reid rab** robin  
**saumon** salmon  
**sparra** sparrow  
**stuckie** starling  
**yowe** ewe

For lots more Scots Poems about nature, read:

Animal ABC: a Scots alphabet  
 A Moose in the Hoose,  
 Katie's Moose  
 Katie's Ferm  
 Katie's Beasties

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## Mair Scots nouns

**baffies** slippers  
**bairn** child  
**bogle** ghost  
**bothy** hut  
**brae** hill  
**breeks** trousers  
**brig** bridge  
**burn** stream  
**clachan** village  
**claes** clothes  
**clottie dumpling**  
**cowp** rubbish dump  
**cundie** drain  
**dominie** teacher  
**dookers** swimming trunks  
**dub** puddle  
**faither** father  
**gairden** garden  
**ganzie** jumper  
**ginger** fizzy juice  
**glaur** mud  
**ground** ground  
**gutties** sneakers  
**haggis**  
**heid** head  
**hooley** party  
**hoose** house  
**messages** shopping  
**midden** mess  
**mither** mother  
**pawkies** mittens  
**piece** sandwich  
**polis** police  
**semmit** vest  
**snaw** snow  
**sodger** soldier  
**stookie** plaster cast  
**stovies** stewed potatoes & onions  
**taigle** tangle  
**tap** top  
**toun** town  
**troosers** trousers  
**tumshie** turnip  
**wean** child  
**yett** gate

## Scots Adjectives (describin words)

**auld** old  
**bletherie** chatty  
**bonnie** beautiful  
**braw** handsome  
**broon** brown  
**cauld** cold  
**clarty** dirty  
**crabbit** grumpy  
**cutty** short  
**daft** silly  
**dauncin** dancing  
**drookit** drenched  
**glaikit** stupid  
**greetin** crying  
**gowden** golden  
**guid** good  
**hackit** ugly  
**haiverin** chatty  
**haunless** clumsy  
**mair** more  
**mingin** smelly  
**muckle** big  
**peeliewally** pale  
**peerie** small  
**prood** proud  
**puir** poor  
**reid** red  
**roond** round  
**saft** soft  
**scunnered** fed-up  
**seven** seven  
**siller** silver  
**skinnylinky** thin  
**sleekit** sly  
**tapsalteerie** upside-down  
**tottie** tiny  
**tousie** scruffy  
**tummlin** tumbling  
**twa** two  
**wabbit** tired  
**wee** small  
**weet** wet  
**yappin** gossiping  
**yella** yellow  
**yeukie** itchy  
**yin** one

## Scots verbs (daein words)

**bides** lives  
**birlin** spinning  
**blawin** blowing  
**bletherin** chatting  
**boonces** bounces  
**cannae** can't  
**cairryin** carrying  
**chappin** knocking  
**cowps** knocks over  
**dinnae** don't  
**doesnae** doesn't  
**dook** ducking  
**draps** drops  
**follaein** following  
**gaitherin** gathering  
**gies** gives  
**gowfin** golfing  
**greetin** crying  
**hingin** hanging  
**howks** digs  
**joukin** dodging  
**keekin** looking  
**lauchin** laughing  
**lowpin** jumpin  
**mairries** marries  
**makkin** making  
**pech** pant  
**pentin** painting  
**pittin** putting  
**pouin** pulling  
**scartin** scratching  
**skelps** hits  
**skites** skids  
**skooshin** squirting water  
**wheechin** zooming  
**yatterin** chatting