



Poems about Nature

Scots Nature Poetry

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



Writing Tips

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.

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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

all Itchy Coo
www.itchy-coo.com

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
skinnymalinky 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