



Ideas for using the wildlife “Top Trump” cards.

Included in the pack are a set of Blanket Bog “top trump” cards. These were developed as a primary resource but provide a valuable secondary resource too. The cards can be used simply as a way of getting students familiar with the wildlife of the Blanket Bog; to aid understanding of the importance of some of the species found there as well as the variety. There are a number of ways these cards could be incorporated into a lesson:

1. As a platform for classification exercises, discussing the binomial system and to help research into further levels of classification.
2. Food chains: use the cards and the information on them to make up as many food chains as possible. Try to extend this activity to make a food web.
3. Pyramids of numbers and biomass: use the food chains the class have found to sketch pyramids of numbers and biomass for the organisms. Discuss the loss of energy along the trophic levels and why the pyramids have the shapes they have.
4. Research topic on individual species. Why are they considered rare or important? Why should they be protected?
5. If all else fails...play “top trumps”!!

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