

Create a Seamless Print

An activity of "One Hundred New Species for Myanmar".

Read the article, "One hundred new species for Myanmar" (page 11, *What's Up* August 2022). Despite its small size, Singapore has many species of wildlife too. For instance, we have the greatest recorded number of ant species in the world! In fact, keeping ants as pets is becoming a popular hobby in Singapore.

1a) Watch this video to find out more:

Ants as pets? Fad is catching on in Singapore

➤ <https://youtu.be/AgulDRwCy-8> (TODAYonline, 2 April 2017)

b) Do you or would you like keeping ants as pets? Explain why or why not.

c) In the table below, sketch five different species of either ants or black birds in Singapore. Here are two sites you can visit for ideas:

- <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/nparksbuzz/issue-45-vol-2-2020/lifestyle/recreation-and-activities/what's-that-black-bird>
- <https://markklwong.weebly.com/antsofsingapore.html/>

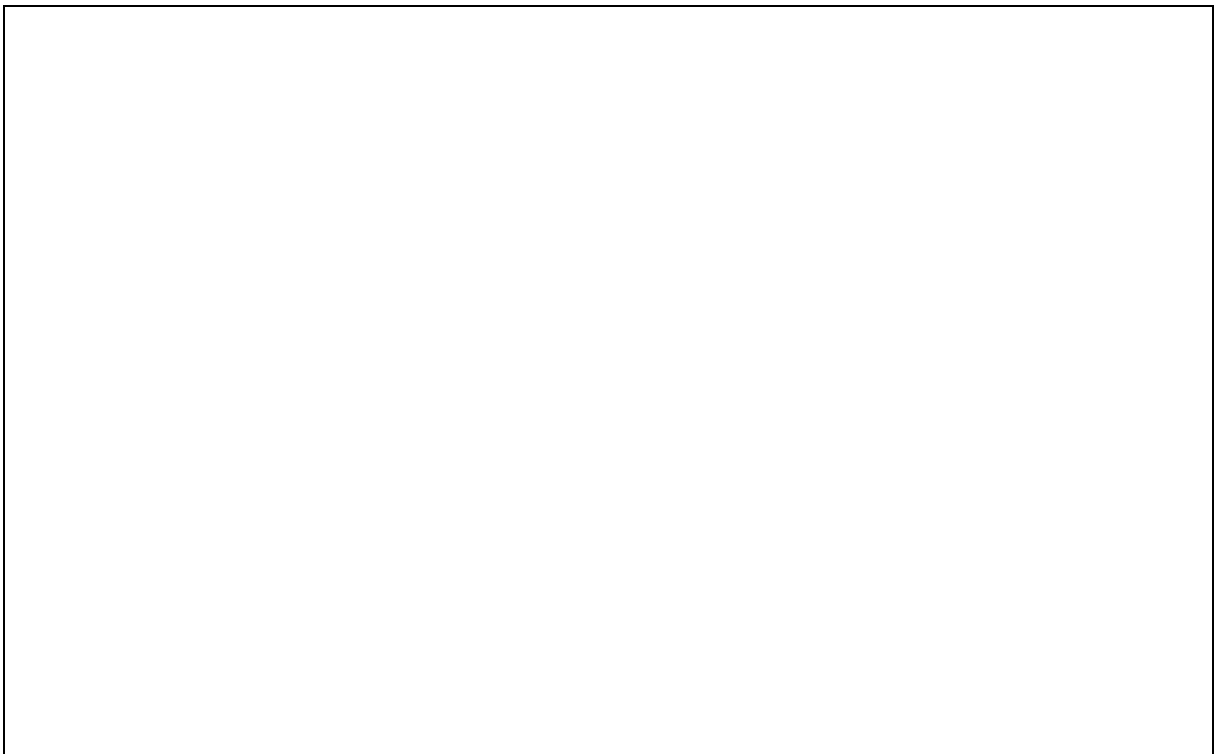
Pay attention to the similarities as well as differences in their appearance. What were some interesting differences you noticed?

Name of ant or bird species	Sketch



2a) With the five different species of animals, create a seamless pattern for wrapping paper or fabric print. Watch the following video first to find out how:

Designing a repeat pattern by hand ➤ <https://youtu.be/cScXEqlg5Qo>
(Handprinted, 25 Sep 2020)



b) Display your seamless pattern in class. Spend a couple of minutes sharing with your classmates how you imagine prints like yours can educate the public about creatures big and small.