

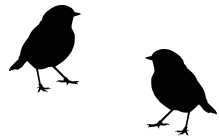
The 12 Days of Critters

On the **first** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

A **hedgehog** in a leaf pile.



On the **second** day of critters, my true love sent to me:



Two **garden birds**,

And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

On the **third** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

Three **winter moths**,

Two garden birds,

And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.



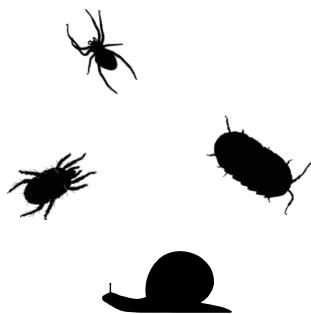
On the **fourth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

Four **compost creatures**,

Three winter moths,

Two garden birds,

And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.



On the **fifth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

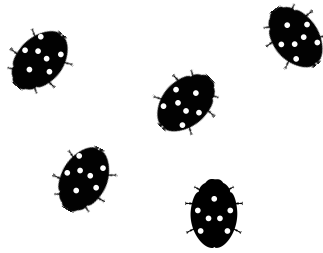
Five **ladybirds!**

Four compost creatures,

Three winter moths,

Two garden birds,

And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.



On the **sixth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

Six **foxes** foraging,

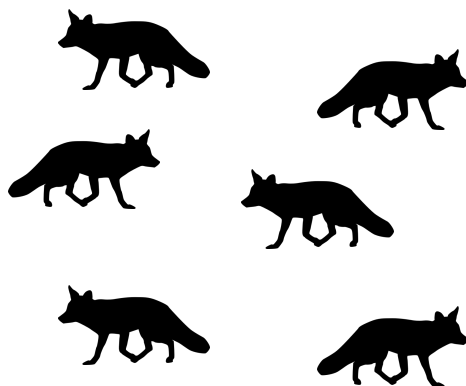
Five ladybirds!

Four compost creatures,

Three winter moths,

Two garden birds,

And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.



On the **seventh** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

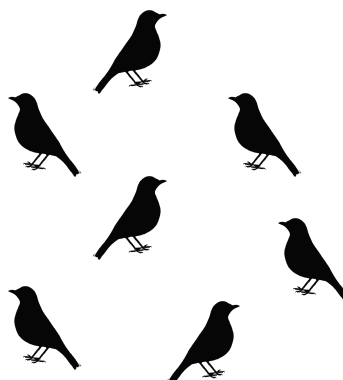
Seven **redwings** feeding,

Six foxes foraging,

Five ladybirds!

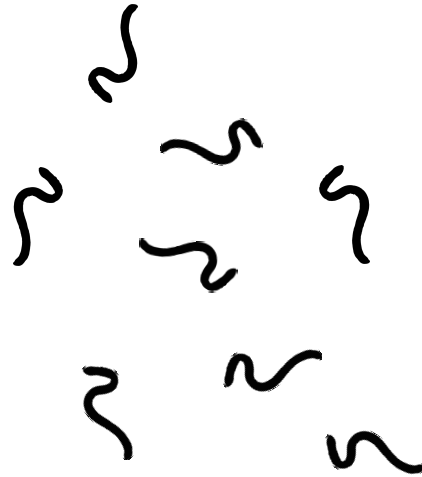
Four compost creatures,

Three winter moths,



Two garden birds,
And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

On the **eighth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:



Eight **worms** a wriggling,

Seven redwings feeding,

Six foxes foraging,

Five ladybirds!

Four compost creatures,

Three winter moths,

Two garden birds,

And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

On the **ninth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

Nine **geese** migrating,

Eight worms a wriggling,

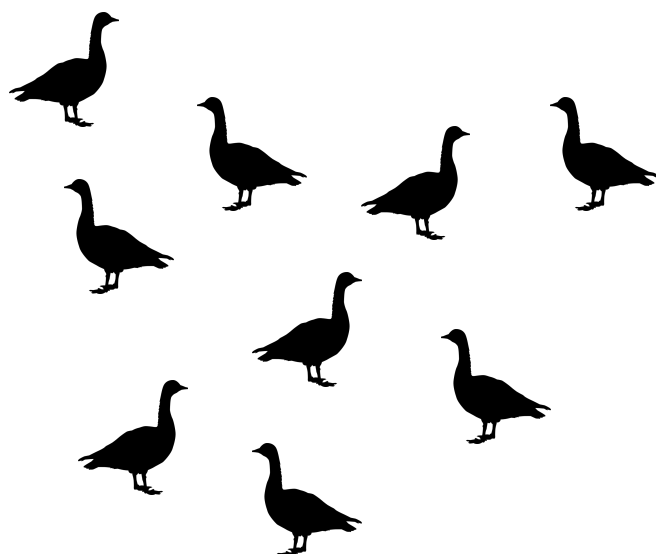
Seven redwings feeding,

Six foxes foraging,

Five ladybirds!

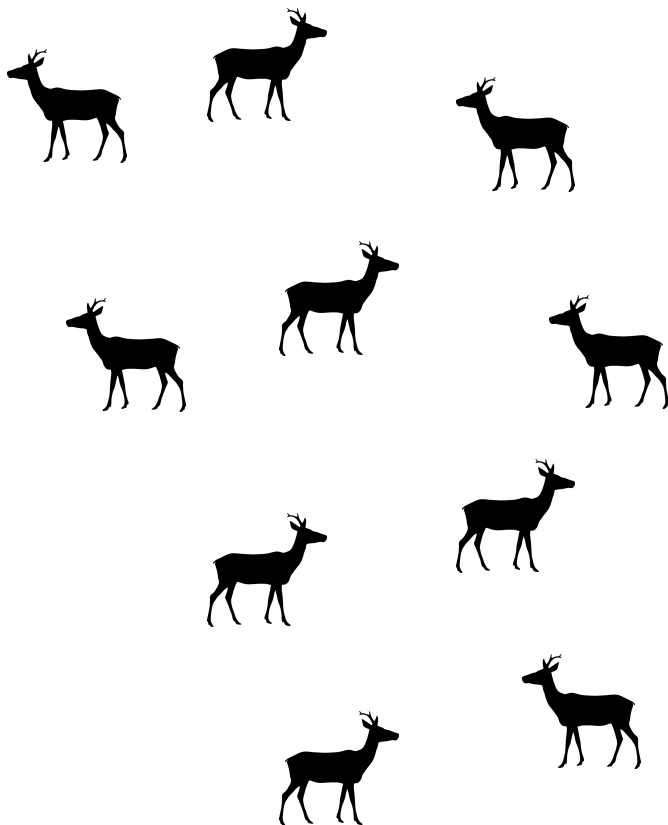
Four compost creatures,

Three winter moths,



Two garden birds,
And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

On the **tenth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:



Ten **deer** a trekking,
Nine geese migrating,
Eight worms a wriggling,
Seven redwings feeding,
Six foxes foraging,
Five ladybirds!
Four compost creatures,
Three winter moths,
Two garden birds,
And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

On the **eleventh** day of critters, my true love sent to me:

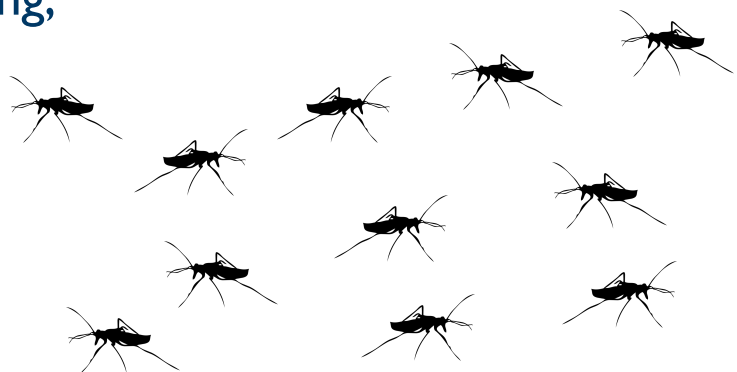
Eleven **snow fleas** jumping,

Ten deer a trekking,

Nine geese migrating,

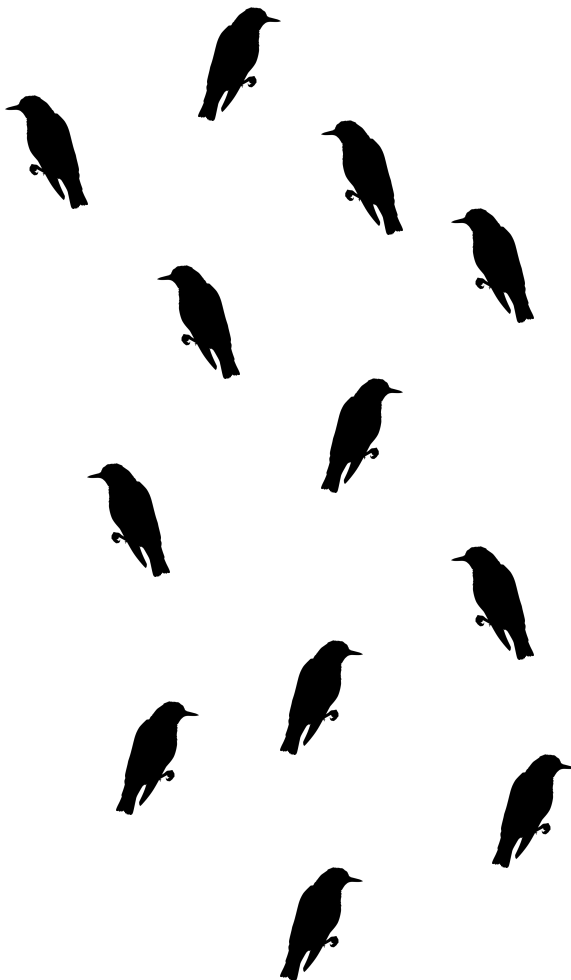
Eight worms a wriggling,

Seven redwings feeding,



Six foxes foraging,
Five ladybirds!
Four compost creatures,
Three winter moths,
Two garden birds,
And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

On the **twelfth** day of critters, my true love sent to me:



Twelve **starlings** flocking,
Eleven snow fleas jumping,
Ten deer a trekking,
Nine geese migrating,
Eight worms a wriggling,
Seven redwings feeding,
Six foxes foraging,
Five ladybirds!
Four compost creatures,
Three winter moths,
Two garden birds,
And a hedgehog in a leaf pile.

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