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 do 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 thelicht
And it howls in the nicht.

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Scots Nature Poems Word Kist

Mair Scots nouns (describin' words)

- baffies slippers
- baill child
- bogle ghost
- bothy hut
- brae hill
- breeks trousers
- brig bridge
- burn stream
- clachan village
- claes clothes
- clootie 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
- gaggis
- heid head
- hooley party
- hoose house
- messages shopping
- midden mess
- mither mother
- pawkies mittens
- piece sandwich
- polis police
- semmit vest
- snow snow
- sodger soldier
- stookie plaster cast
- stovies stewed potatoes & onions
- taigle tangle
- tap top
- toon 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
- peilewally pale
- peerie small
- prood proud
- pur poor
- reid red
- roond round
- saft soft
- scunnered fed-up
- seeven seven
- siller silver
- skinnymalinky thin
- sleekit sly
- tapsalteerie upside-down
- tottie tiny
- tousie scruffy
- tummin 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 squirtin
- wheechin zooming
- yatterin chatting

Beasties

- brock badger
- coo cow
- craw crow
- deuk duck
- doodove dove
- tug dog
- tod fox
- troot trout
- baudrans cat
- blackie blackbird
- bubblyjock turkey
- cuddie horse
- earn eagle
- hooleet owl
- hurcheon hedgehog
- jenny-lang-legs midgie
- 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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