

Lucy Davies (2003732)
ECEY6005
Sustainability in the Early Years
Section 1



*In every walk
with nature,
one receives
far more
than he seeks.*

- John Muir



Discover...

In my previous home we did not have a lovely garden full of nature therefore it is lovely to take in all the beautiful and natural scenery that now surrounds me. Having a deeper look into this area will give me the extra knowledge about what exactly is growing around me and how to best protect it.

With no previous research done on this area I am excited for the results coming forward and to see what lives on my doorstep.

Currently I am fortunate enough to live in a home with the most beautiful front garden having only moved into the home two months ago this has been a perfect opportunity to have a deeper look into my surroundings.

Taken on- 28 June 2023 at
13:00 hours

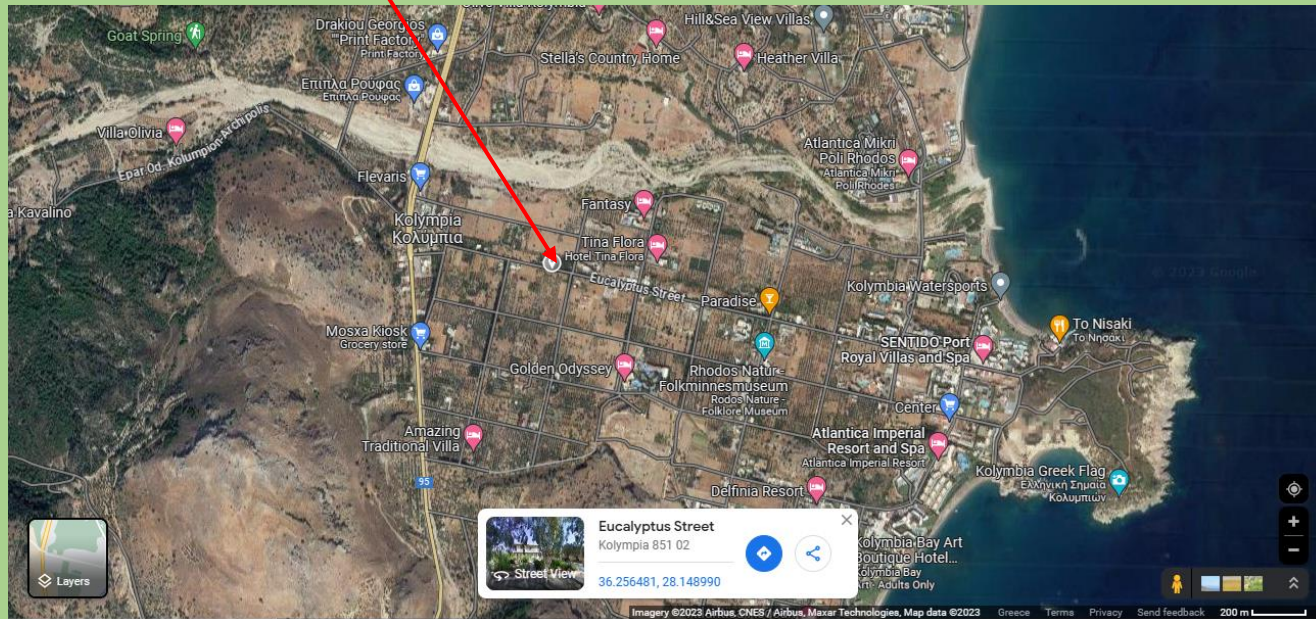
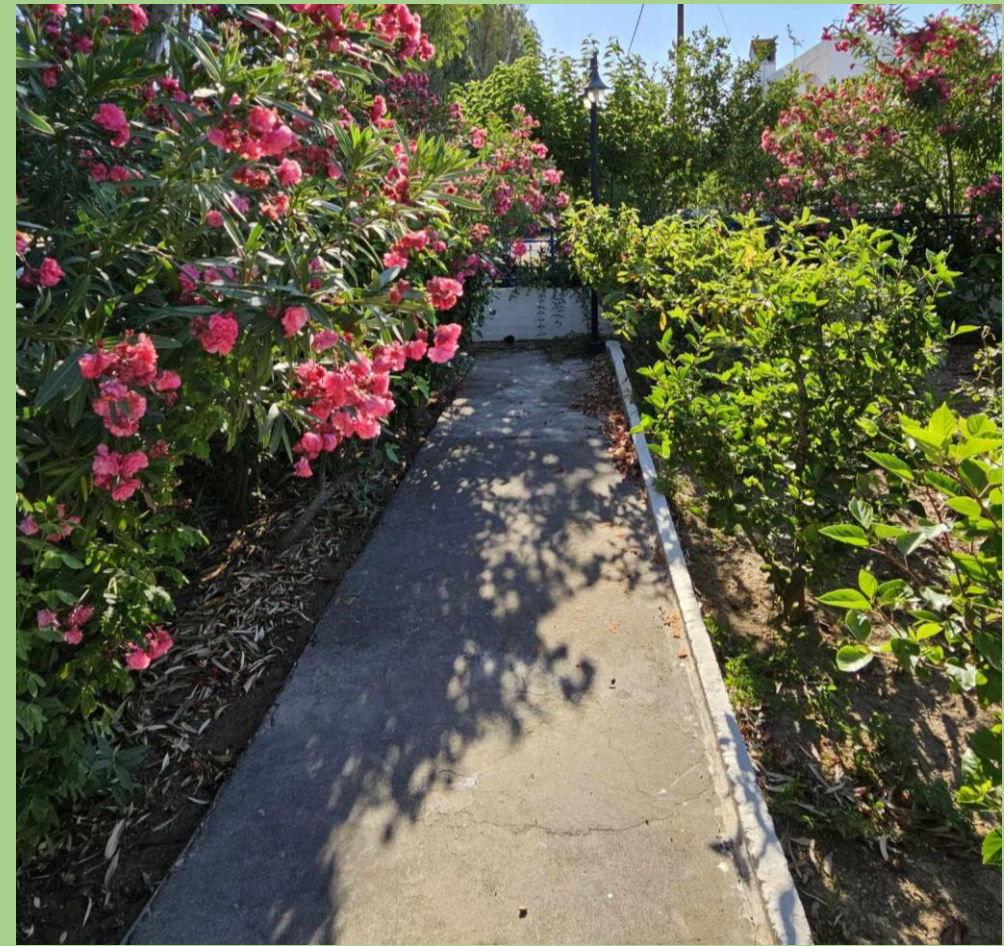


Taken on- 28 June 2023 at
23:00 hours



Explore...

The garden is in Rhodes, Greece in a small area called Kolympia



There are pathways available for you to walk through the beautiful garden and get a closer look without having to step on any plants.



Chinese trumpet creeper



Cornflower



Trumpet creeper vine

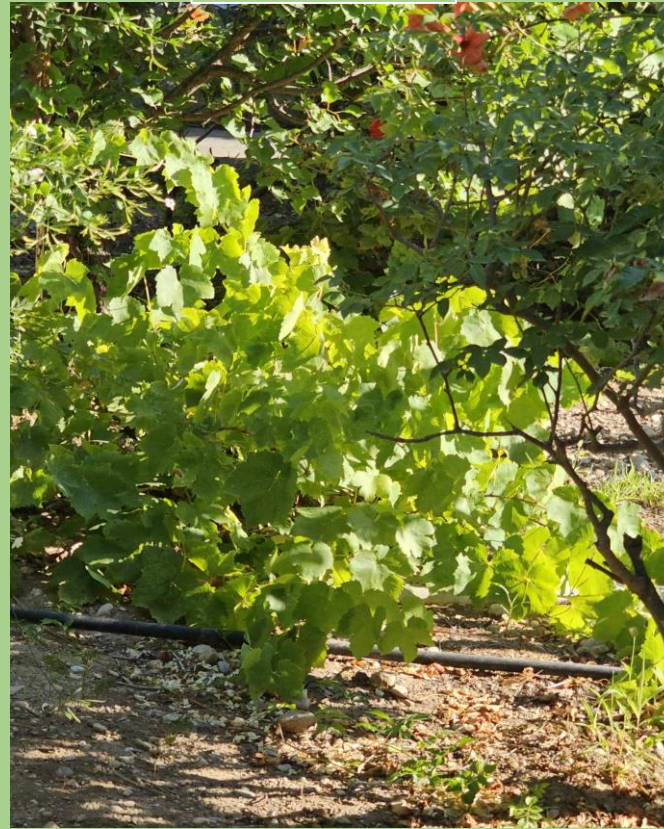
Rose geranium





Oleander

Wine grape



Madagascar jasmine



Zonal
geranium



Bugs and wildlife

Being in a different country I am fortunate to find wildlife that I would never have access to back in the UK. Some of the bugs I have seen and learnt about have been fascinating and I have used an app to help identify and learn about them.



I saw this bug on the first few days of working on this scrapbook and was shocked at it, so I took a photo. I later then showed it to my landlord who informed me that it is a Cicada or is also known as a Greek Tzitzikas which normally live in the trees and make a lot of noise which I hear all day and evening from my home.



Blue-winged grasshopper



Pantropical jumper



Egyptian locust

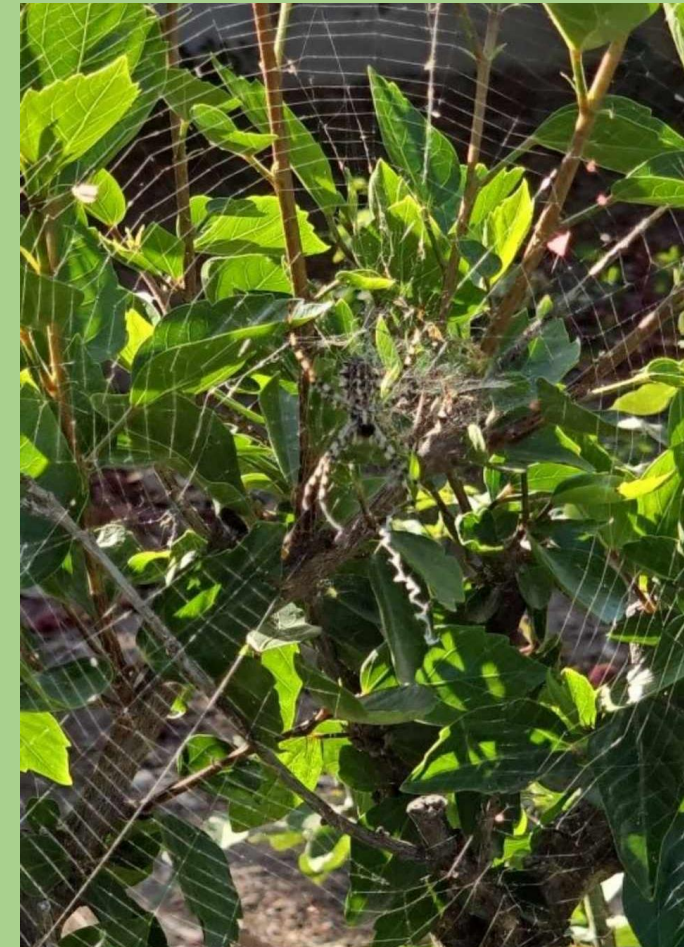


Black house spider

Mememerus taeniatus



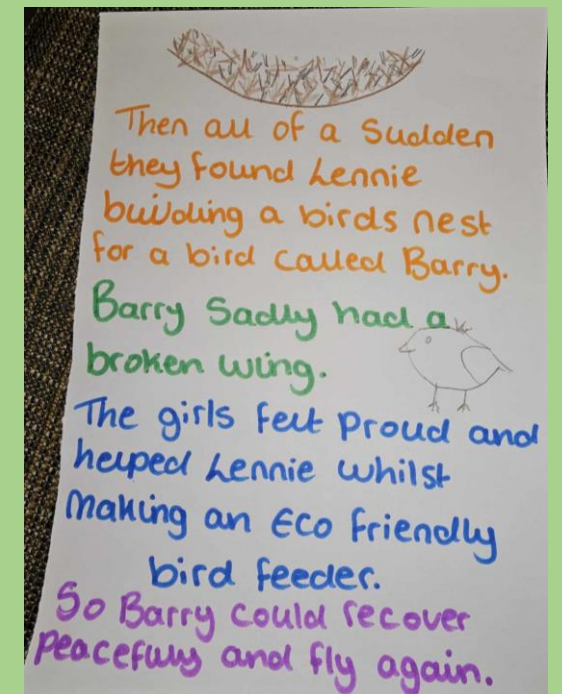
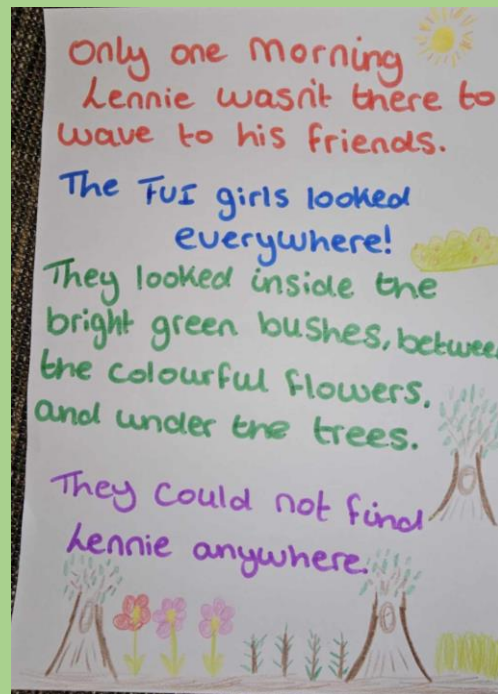
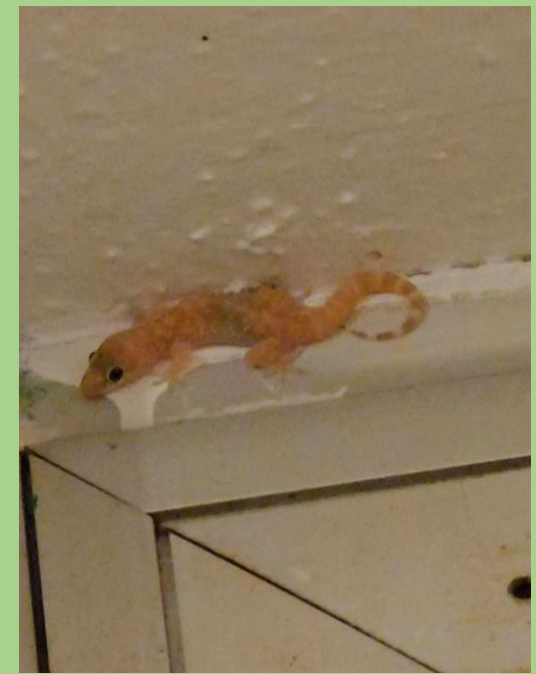
Lobed Argiope (Venomous)



Lizards



Throughout my time in Greece, I have come across different species of lizards in my garden and they also make their way into my home. The lizards have inspired me to make a book which is down below.



In my garden

In my garden I can see so many shiny silky leaves

In my garden I can see a little cockroach staring at me

In my garden I can see so many bugs when I crouch on my knees

In my garden I can hear Cicadas singing right on key

In my garden I can hear the little rooster calling their loved ones near

In my garden I can smell beautiful flowers beneath the trees

In my garden I can smell nice fresh air with a warming breeze





Below is solar panel lights
that light up our garden
every evening.



Litter found in my garden near the main road



Conserve...

Going forward there are lots of different steps I have put in place to conserve the area around me one being a recycling box attached to the fence of my house so that people passing can put their litter in it rather than throwing it on the pavement or in my garden.

Whilst taking part in this award I have realised how much I enjoy being outside and getting connected with the natural world around me. There are so many different sights, feelings and different sounds which are lovely to take in whether it is sitting in the garden or walking around exploring.

How important it is to not litter
The importance

Another way of helping conserve is by making bird feeders out of toilet roll holders. Which helps wildlife whilst reusing everyday household objects.



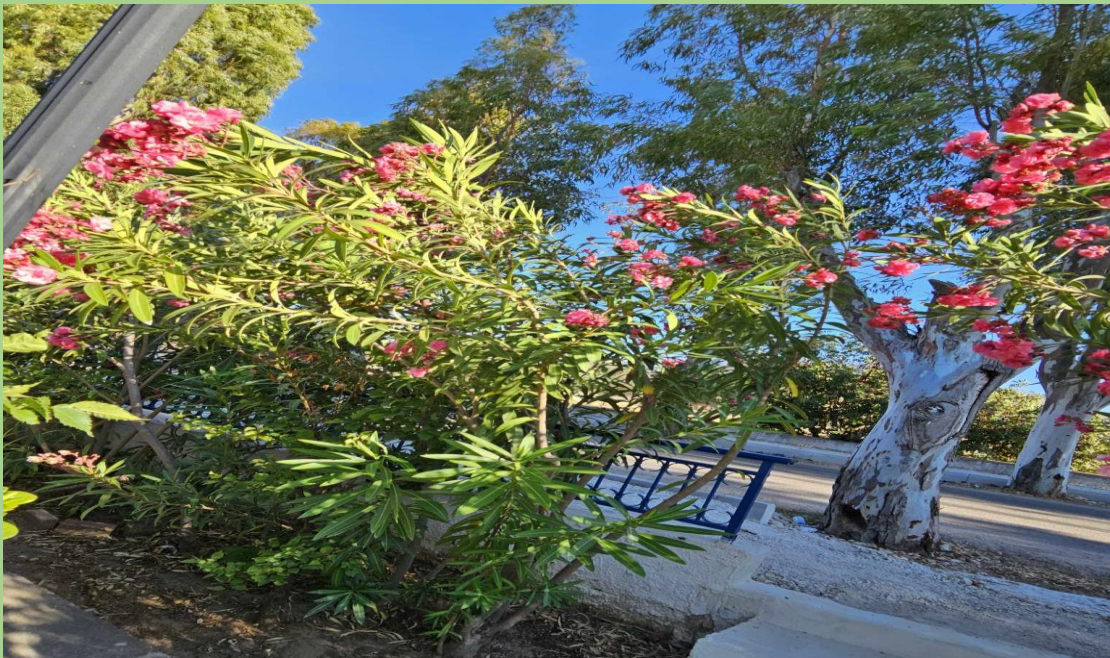
I have recently found a small bird/bug house in my work that was broken so I have now fixed it and given it a new home in my garden.

Each side of the box has different ways people can look after the word around them.



Reflection...

Upon reflection since moving out to this beautiful country I have been absorbed by everything around me such as attractions, beaches and towns but doing this award has allowed me to look into the smaller things that surround me whilst encouraging myself all the new friends I have made to connect with the natural world.



I have really enjoyed learning about the natural world and plan to keep expanding my knowledge and continue to try my best to conserve the planet in the future.