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### Short Courses

Viewers inspired by the series can learn more about the natural history of the British Isles with short Open University courses developed in conjunction with the BBC. Log on to [open.ac.uk](http://open.ac.uk) to find out more about:

- Global Warming – The Science Behind The Headlines
- Fossils And The History Of Life
- Studying Mammals
- Explaining The Emergence Of Humans

### Become A Landscape Detective

Whether looking for creepy crawlies or rocks in mine dumps, the OU's *Landscape Detective* leaflets offer a handy guide to all budding young naturalists. They include advice on being a responsible landscape detective, equipment, habitats, animal tracks and all sorts of bugs. The leaflets are available free by calling 0870 787 4455 or by logging on to [open2.net](http://open2.net)

### Snail Survey

From the common garden snail to the alien girdled and glass snail, the Open University wants volunteers to get out and count these slimy garden inhabitants. Like canaries in coal mines, snails are used by scientists as an indicator of the health of the environment. Visit the OU website and download the data sheet to get counting! The hunt can be done anywhere, and the collated information will help explore biodiversity, find evidence for climate change and perhaps even identify some alien invaders.

## BBC Book and DVD

*British Isles: A Natural History*, by Alan Titchmarsh, is published on 4 October 2004 by BBC Books, price £19.99.

The DVD of the series is released on 8 November from BBC Worldwide.

