## The Natural World and Your Template

You have so much to choose from; Animals, Fish, Birds, Forest or even mountains.

Make sure that you choose a shape that looks good in Silhouette, and will not be really difficult to cut out.

The best advice is to *Keep It Simple.*

Remember that the Softwood has a wide grain structure, which means that ***narrow beaks, legs, antlers and branches become weak and will break.***

Whatever you choose for your structure, an Accurate Card Template will have to be made.

1. Draw your Shape onto a piece of Card which has the exact dimensions as the softwood.
2. If your shape has straight edges then use the straight edges of the material you have been given.
3. Do not draw a little shape in the middle of the card, it will just mean allot more work for you.
4. Keep redoing the Drawing or Template until you are happy with it. This approach will save you so much work, disappointment and frustration later on.
5. KEEP YOUR SHAPE SIMPLE; you will be far happier with the end results.

**REMEMBER that Cutting out a shape in Softwood is a real challenge for any Year 8 Student. The happiest students are those that choose a Simple shape that can be finished to a high degree of Accuracy in the time that you have.**

