



Deireadh Fómhar

OCTOBER



The whole countryside is rich with autumn berries, fruits and nuts. The boys collecting horse chestnuts, or conkers **1** have disturbed a dozy hedgehog **2** who had just settled down for a long winter sleep. Two magpies **3** sitting on the tree are still on the look-out for food, while a busy mother sparrow **4** feeds a juicy worm to one of her autumn brood of chicks. The beautiful goldfinches **5** are seen in the thistlebed and other members of

the family, the bullfinches **6** are on an elderberry bush, enjoying a feast of berries **7**. Sitting on the telegraph wires, swallows **8** are preparing to migrate to the African sun. Below, a family is helping the environment by saving bottles and drink cans for re-cycling **9**. We can all play our part!