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- The hedgehog's natural diet mainly consists of slugs, ground beetles, caterpillars and worms so make sure there are lots of these living in your garden!

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