On the Nature of the Hedgehog

Transcription, Suggestions, and Other Resources

De Natura Uricii

Ericius quidem figuram habet totum spineam et totus de spinis plenus est. Physiologus dicit de eo tempore vindimiae\* ascendit in vitem super brutuum\* et deicit grana eius in terra et descendens volutat se super grana et adherent in spinis eius et adferet filiis suis

Vindemia = grape

Brutuum = grape

You could introduce vocab via pictures for a novice audience. If your students are more comfortable speaking Latin, you could also show the video and have them discuss what is happening in the video before finally looking at the text. You can also look at some other versions of the text and compare. St. Isidore’s text discusses the hedgehog and there are later bestiaries that are viewable online.

*Related Video*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57BTS-W_2QI>

\*not the exact same text as the manuscript\*

*Related Text*: St. Isidore of Seville’s *Etymologiae* ([http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/L/Roman/Texts/Isidore/12\*.html#2](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/L/Roman/Texts/Isidore/12*.html#2))

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