



This Week's Featured Activity: Hide and Seek

Have you ever been outside watching a pretty flower, when all of a sudden something moves and you didn't even realize it was there the whole time, hiding in plain sight?!

Many insects and animals have special colors or markings that help them blend in with their surroundings, this is called *camouflage*. Some animals use this to hide from predators, while others use this to sneak up on their prey! Building on the Nature's Eyes activity from a few weeks ago, next time you're out on a walk search for camouflaged animals in your yard, neighborhood or one of our [Public Conservation Areas](#). Make sure to bring your nature journal to draw the animals that you're seeing!

- Make it into a game of Hide and Seek or I Spy. The first person to see a camouflaged animal tries to get the other person to find it by giving clues as to the color or shape of where it's hiding.
- Before you go outside the next time, make some camouflage critters to hide! Using materials you have at home like construction paper, magazines, old calendars, and pipe cleaners, make a creature that blends in with the surroundings. Before crafting your critter, think about where you have been on a walk before, what colors you saw, what patterns and textures are there, and what would make your critter blend in better. The next time you're out on a walk, have your buddies close their eyes or run ahead. Hide your critter while they're not looking! We suggest not hiding anything not too far off the trail, and not totally covering it up. Then see if your family or friends can find it! Be sure to always pick up and take home your creature when you're done playing.
- Create a habitat where an animal can hide on paper. Find an animal in a magazine or print one out from the internet and place that in the middle of

the page. Then find other photos or create drawings that would help this animal hide out in the wild.

- Check out [this video](#) of some cool creatures and how they use their camouflage to stay hidden!

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