DEAD TREES ALIVE!

According to the story "Holey Homes" (page 30-35 in the November 2009 issue of *Ranger Rick*), nothing is more alive than a dead tree. See for yourself!

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along:

- ✔ Magnifying glass
- ✔ Small garden shovel
- ✔ Clear containers for catching and observing creatures

Head outside and find a dead tree (still standing or fallen over) or a rotting log. Choose one that has been dead for a long time. See how many living things (or signs of living things such as feathers, scat, or chewed bark) you can find on and around the tree.

- Look on and under the bark.
- If the tree has fallen, look beside and beneath it. Roll over a log if you can.
- If the tree is standing, look up. Do you see any holes above you or any birds coming and going?

List and describe all the animals you find below:

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