



# CAMO CREATURES

Camouflage is the art of blending in so you're hard to see. In the animal world, it helps predators sneak up on prey—and prey hide from predators. Here are some fun activities to help you investigate camouflage.

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____ Weather _____	<b>Helpful Things to Take Along:</b> ✓ Old clothes in “camouflage” colors (greens, browns, grays) and patterns (solids, stripes, splotches)
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1. Here's a game you can play with a friend or two. Find a nearby wild area, such as some backyard bushes, a patch of woods, or a field of tall grass. Play a round of hide-and-seek in your regular clothes. Then cover up with old clothes that match the surroundings. Play again. How did the game change? Try playing in another location and see what happens there. Use this chart to record what you notice.

Describe the surroundings. (Bushes, trees, or grass? Colors and patterns you noticed?)	What colors and patterns of clothing were best for blending in there?
Location 1.	Location 1.
Location 2.	Location 2.

2. Is camouflage at work in your neighborhood? Go on a search for squirrels, birds, insects or other animals that blend in with the surroundings. Draw your finds below.

