

Camouflage

Mother Nature's version of Where's Waldo?



When you are outside, no matter where you are, you are surrounded by countless other organisms. From little insects to large mammals, wildlife is all around us. But most of the time, we never notice it.



Why?

Because of camouflage.

Some predators use camouflage as a means of getting closer to their prey, such as a mountain lion hiding among similar colored rocks as a raccoon unknowingly walks nearer to it, making it easier for the mountain lion to pounce on.



But most animals use camouflage as a means of protecting themselves against predators. It is hard to eat what you cannot see.



So when you are outside looking for wildlife to observe, slow down. Look more closely. A snake may be disguising himself as a stick on the ground. A moth may resemble the bark of a tree. There could be a fox hiding among the tall grass along your hiking trail.





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Cut along the lines, laminate if desired.



caterpillar



deer



fox



moth



owl



rabbit



snake



toad



turtle

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