



NOW YOU SEE US...

CAMO CRITTERS

The most important job invertebrates do is to act as a food source for other animals. They feed birds, hedgehogs, snakes, bats, frogs, fish and many more vertebrate animals. Invertebrates don't make it easy for them though – they have many adaptations to avoid being eaten! One of the most important ones is **camouflage**.



Can you spot our three camouflaged critters in the pictures above? Draw a line around them when you spot them...

Answers: Find – 1 Pepper moth on lichen, 2 Crab spider on flower and, 3 Shield bug on leaf



1

Bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and flies pollinate plants when they drink nectar from flowers.

Find a source of nectar



5



They are often found living under wood in log piles.

Find a recycler



SCAVENGER HUNT

Ever fancied yourself as a super-sleuth like Sherlock Holmes? Here's your chance to do a bit of invertebrate investigating – but be a careful detective, make sure you don't hurt or damage anything...

2

Using their single muscly foot, snails slide around on mucous (slime!) to prevent injuring their underside.

Find a snail (or slug) trail



3

Many invertebrates live in different parts of trees.

Find a tree hole



4

Most invertebrates have SIX legs and are called insects.

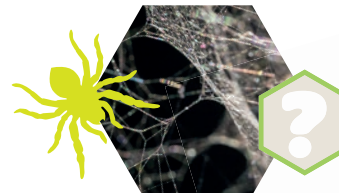
Find an insect



6

Many eight-legged invertebrates produce silk to catch or wrap up their food, and to protect their young.

Find some spider silk



7

Some invertebrates are herbivorous (plant eating).

Find a leaf that's been nibbled by invertebrates



8

As earthworms burrow through the soil they break old leaves and roots down into smaller particles.

Find an earthworm cast



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