



# Hiding in Place

## Scavenger Hunt

**Instructions:** Pick a site to sit outdoors and search from your seat! How many of the items below can you find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps wildlife!

- long grass
- a hole in the ground
- an animal making noise
- a rough object
- a smooth object
- a hole in a tree or piece of wood
- something an animal has been eating (bite marks in a leaf, holes in wood, piece of rotten fruit, etc)
- a flower with stripes
- 3 different insects
- 3 different types of leaves



**What was your favorite item? Draw a picture, or take a photo of it and share it with us on Instagram #ButlerSWCD**



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## Long grass

Long grass is beneficial to wildlife because it helps smaller animals hide from predators.

## Holes in the ground

These are great shelter for many types of animals from tiny ants to huge rabbits. Some pollinators, including 70% of bee species, nest underground. Bees play an important role in pollinating our crops and other plants!

## Animals making noise

Some animals make noise to find mates, while others use it to mark their territory or scare off predators. What do you think the animal you heard was communicating?

## Rough objects

Some objects in nature are rough, like tree bark. As a result, some snakes and lizards can climb trees and other rough surfaces.

## Smooth objects

Some objects in nature are smooth, like stones that have been weathered over time. Butterflies sometimes drink the water on these stones after it rains.

## Holes in a tree or piece of wood

Some animals live in holes in trees and other structures. What animals do you think might live in the hole you found?

## Something an animal has been eating

Food is a basic need for all animals, something they cannot live without. What can you see spot that an animal has been munching on?

## Flowers with stripes

For some pollinators, the stripes on a flower can act like a landing strip, helping to guide it onto the nectar-rich plant.

## 3 different insects

Insects are the most diverse family of animals on Earth, and each insect has a role to play in the environment. What roles do you think the insects you found play?

## 3 different leaves

Many caterpillars can only eat certain leaves; for example, monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves! Did you spot any evidence of a hungry insect on the leaves you found? Look for small holes and missing chunks