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Animals That Use Camouflage and Color
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What is a different word for a special color or shape that helps a living thing "hide" or blend in with its surroundings?
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Camouflage!
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Where am I?
Here I am!

Eastern Cricket Frog
Where am I?
Here I am?

Green Frog
Where am I?
Here I am!

Broad-headed Skink
Where am I?
Here I am?

Zebra Swallowtail
Where am I?
Here I am!

Pepper Moth
Why would you want to hide?
Avoid being eaten
Avoid being eaten

Sneak up on prey
Camouflage is a type of *adaptation*.

- Adaptation: a special physical or behavioral characteristic of a living thing that helps it better survive in its habitat.

Avoid being eaten  Sneak up on prey
Round-headed Katydid
Checkered-fringe Prominent Moth Larva
Aegomorphus clavipes
Spicebush Swallowtail Larva
Goldenrod Crab Spider
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Long-tailed Weasel
Some animals use color to hide. Others use color to stand out!
Lionfish
Animals have amazing tools to help them survive.

But sometimes they need our help!
We can take care of their habitat – their home.
Blending in is easy! ...in your natural habitat.
Spend time outside!

Enjoy nature.

Take care of nature.
Native plants provide food and shelter for native animals.

Monarch caterpillars on milkweed plant.
Try This!

Here are some ways to explore camouflage at home.
“Hiding in Plain Sight”
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Create a nature journal, look for camouflaged animals around you, and draw or take pictures.
Make a camouflage vest!

Where is a place you would like to sit, be still, and blend in with the surroundings?

Make a vest to match that place!

What might you see as a quiet, camouflaged observer?
Color Camouflage

Can you match a paint sample with a color you find outside?
Today, we learned that...

- Animals have amazing adaptations!
- We can appreciate and take care of nature.
- We can learn about nature at school and at home.
• Camouflage Queen | National Geographic
• Camouflage: Animal Hide and Seek | SciShow Kids
• 25 Incredible Camouflaged Animals | List 25
• Leafy Seadragons of South Australia | Jonathan Bird’s Blue World
• Camouflage, explained | National Geographic
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