



My Field Journal



To identify the animals that you found, check online or at the library for field guides. Here are some suggestions:

- find out what species live near you at www.zipcodezoo.com
- <http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/index.html>
- www.biokids.umich.edu/critters/index.html
- www.fieldmuseum.org/undergroundadventure/kidzone/field_guide.shtml
- www.discoverlife.org/nh/
- National Audubon Society, the Smithsonian, and Peterson's all publish good field guides for kids.

Name: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Mammals

Mammals include a wide range of animals, from anteaters to zebras. They're all warm-blooded, they give birth to live young, and they have hair or fur. We doubt you'll find an anteater in your backyard,



but you might see a squirrel or two.

Tip: If you live in North America or Europe, you may see any of 10 different squirrel species.



The Most Interesting Mammal I Saw

Size: _____ Color: _____ 2

Birds

There are about 10,000 species of birds in the world. They all have wings, and most, but not all, are able to fly. Birds are warm-blooded and lay eggs instead of bearing live young.



Tip: To identify a bird, look at the shape of its beak, the color of its chest and throat, and the markings on its wings.



The Most Interesting Bird I Saw

Size: _____ Color: _____ 4

Spiders

Spiders have 8 legs and 2 separate body parts. They have no wings or antennae. We share the earth with over 30,000 spider species.



I counted

kinds of spiders.

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Tip: Don't forget to look for spider webs in trees, on fences, or under eaves.

The Most Interesting Spider I Saw

Size: _____ Color: _____ 6

Insects

Insects, such as ants and beetles, have a hard outer covering called an exoskeleton. They always have 6 legs and are divided into 3 body regions



called the head, thorax, and abdomen. They also have antennae.

I counted

kinds of insects.

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Tip: Don't confuse insects with spiders, sowbugs, worms, snails, and slugs.

The Most Interesting Insect I Saw

Size: _____ Color: _____ 8

Snails and Slugs

Snails and slugs are land relatives of octopuses and clams.

Snails carry shells on their backs; slugs do not. They both live where it is moist, often under the topsoil.



I counted

kinds of snails.

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Tip: If you find a snail shell, look inside to see if anyone is home.

The Most Interesting Slug or Snail I Saw

Size: _____ Color: _____ 11