

OMAHA EXPLORERS: ANIMAL SEARCH



Name:

Directions:

Search until you find an animal. If you cannot find an animal, look for signs of an animal - a home, a hole, a web, a nest, or something else that indicates that an animal was here. Use your magnifier to look at your animal (if it is small). Be sure to move slowly and quietly so you don't scare the animal. If your animal is likely to flee - stop where you can see it, but not so close that you scare it away, and make your observations.

Draw a picture of the location where you found your animal.

Write a description of the location. Use very specific, descriptive words.



Draw a picture of the animal. Be specific in your drawing.

What distinguishing features does your animal have? (wings - 8 legs - fur - what else?)

What is your animal doing?

What is unique about your animal?

Where do you think your animal lives?



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Draw or write your answers in the space below:

What observations can you make about what your animal is doing? Is it looking for food? Is it building a shelter? Is it doing something else? What is it doing?

What do you think your animal eats? (think about any mouthparts you may have seen)

Do you think there is anything that eats your animal? Is it food for something else? If so, what do you think might eat it?

You are in the animal's habitat. How have people contributed to that habitat? Are there buildings, roads, planted trees, or gardens? Is there a man-made water source such as a pond or sprinklers?

Do you see any litter, pollution, or other concerns with this habitat?

What was the most interesting thing you noticed today?

