

Activity Sheet 5



Nature Detectives

You are to take on the role of a nature detective. Take 10 minutes to look around the reserve and find the following items:

Prickly	Hard	Wet	Dry
Hard	Fluffy	A seed	A berry
Soft	Evidence of man	Evidence of animal	Shiny

Sort your collection into things that were alive ('organic') and things that were not ('inorganic'). As a group, sort all of your objects according to the properties of each object – hard, soft, wet...



Using your observation skills, look for clues around the reserve to try and find out what animals live here without actually seeing them. Look at the clues in the table below and use your identification chart "clues to help you."

Evidence of animals	✓ Present	What kind of animal do you think it was?
Animal droppings		
Tracks/ footprints		
Empty nutshells		
Well grazed grass		
Chewed leaves		
Chewed mushrooms		
Nests		
Burrows on ground		
Tree bark removed		
Holes in tree		
Animal pathways/ runs		
Feathers		
Animal fur		
Other evidence not listed		



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****Many plants are poisonous – do not put them in your mouths and ensure that you wash your hands before eating.**