Who Lives on a Tree?

Trees are homes to many different living things. What creatures might you see in or on a tree when you take a careful look? Practice your observation skills to find out.

**Directions**

1. Find a tree you can spend time observing. Carefully study the tree. What signs do you observe for what might live on or in the tree?

2. Look at different parts of the tree for evidence—up high in the branches, down by the ground, and at eye level. Listen closely for evidence of living things in and on your tree.

3. Record your findings using a triptych—a three-part drawing. Use one part for your observations from high in the tree, one for observations from eye level, and one for observations from the area near the base of the tree. Here is an example:

**Materials**

- Pencil
- Paper
- Hand lens, crayons, colored pencils, camera (optional)

**Questions**

- What sorts of creatures live on or in trees?
- Do different creatures live in different part of trees?

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**My Tree Triptych**