



# Minibeast Scavenger Hunt

Use the checklist to find and observe bugs, slugs and other “minibeasts” in a greenspace near you. The goal is to find them, not to disturb them! Be careful where you step and remember: Every creature has an important role to play in our ecosystem.

**Materials:** checklist, pencil, clipboard

## Directions:

Head outside to look for bugs, slugs, worms and flying insects. See how many you can find on the next page. Add “field notes” to write down what you observe the creature doing and where you found them. If you see where they might live, describe that or draw a picture.

Add any other interesting critters you see and draw a picture of them.



There are about 5,000 different species of ladybugs in the world.

### Tip:

Have a fear or discomfort around bugs? You're not alone! Learning more about the creatures we see outside can help us understand how important they are for nature. Some bugs want to help plants grow, and others make flowers bloom! The next time you see a bug that makes you feel nervous, try to stay calm, and take a closer look. You might discover how cool they really are!



Dragonflies have been on earth for 300 million years.

Earthworms have five hearts!



About 80% of the Earth's animals are insects.



Butterflies taste with their feet.



Slugs and snails are known as gastropods, which means “stomach foot.” The foot located on the stomach is how they move around.



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Can you find any of the "minibeasts" below? Write down what you observe the creature doing and where you found them. If you see where they might live, describe that or draw a picture. Add any other interesting critters you see and draw a picture of them.



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