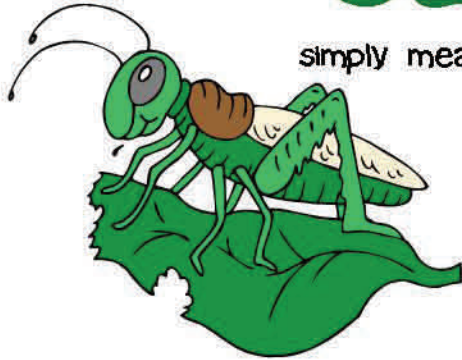


Camouflage



simply means "hiding an object in plain sight."

Insects such as grasshoppers and many butterflies blend into the environment so well they are almost impossible to see until they move. These insects use camouflage to hide from predators that may want to eat them.

Soldiers use camouflage to blend into their surrounding environment making it difficult to be seen by the enemy. You may use camouflage as well. What color would you wear to a Cardinal's baseball game to blend into the crowd?

Read these great books about the fascinating world of insects and camouflage:

- Bishop, Nic. *Backyard Detectives: Critters Up Close.*
- Bishop, Nic. *Forest Explorer: A Life Size Field Guide.*
- Foley, Cate. *Find the Insect.*
- Heller, Ruth. *How to Hide a Butterfly.*
- Kalman, Bobbie. *What Are Camouflage and Mimicry?*
- Oppenheim, Joanne. *Have You Ever Seen Bugs?*
- Tildes, Phyllis Limbacher. *Animals In Camouflage.*
- Walsh, Ellen Stohl. *Dot and Jabber and the Big Bug Mystery.*

Use what you have learned about camouflage to color this butterfly to match your bedspread, shower curtain, or a cereal box. Can your friend or a sibling find it?



Explore real bugs too! Bring your camouflaged butterfly to the Butterfly House on one of the following days and receive a FREE child's admission.

August 23 or 24, 2008

September 6 or 7, 2008

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