



Continue Your Learning: Tree Investigation!

A **habitat** is a place where a plant or animal can get all the things it needs to survive. This includes food, shelter, water, and a place for having and raising their young.

A **habitat** can be a single plant for a small insect or a large space such as 100 square miles of grassland for a lion.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. List plants, insects, or other animals that depend on a tree.
2. Find a tree you want to study. Take 20 big steps away from the tree. What do you notice about the tree? What color is the bark? What color are the leaves? Do you see any animals on the tree?
3. Walk back to your tree. Look up close for smaller things that you couldn't see from far away. What color is the bark and leaves now? Look for signs of visitors to your tree. Some examples of signs might be chewed leaves, holes in the bark, bird nests, insect or spider eggs, galls, carved initials, etc.
4. On the chart on the back of this page include the observations you made about your tree.
5. When you return home, find a tree in your yard (or nearby) and make the same observations.

How are the trees the same?

How are the trees different?