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Members
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GARDEN ANIMALS

Where there are plants, animals will soon follow. Gardens bring nature to the school – turning bare land (with only grass) into a rich, lush habitat, teeming with life! The school gardens can be an exciting place for encountering insects, frogs and birds. Some may even nest and breed in the garden! Your garden will also attract unwanted animals, which we term as 'pests'. Instead of enriching the garden, these harm and weaken plants. But which is which? Which are the garden-friendly animals and which are the pests?

Project Objectives

Your team has to/ You have to:

1. Observe, identify, list, photograph and classify animals in the garden.
2. Create an animal guide for your school garden.

Be careful of potentially dangerous animals like centipedes, bees, fire ants and wasps. Stay away from them!

Suggested Steps

1. Go to your school garden to observe, photograph and identify animals for about 30min.
2. With your list of garden animals, classify these animals in different ways - scientifically and whether they are beneficial or harmful to plants in the garden.

Equipment/Materials

Optional: A Guide to Common Garden Animals (Singapore Science Centre Guide Book) and digital camera.

Tips

- Where can you find the animals? Animals are seldom found in the open. Most of them can be observed under leaves, or even under concrete slabs or underground. Why?
- Some interesting animals which you can look out for are frogs (and tadpoles), blind garden snakes, slugs, different types of birds and butterflies.

