



# MINI-BEASTS IN TREES

# Teacher's Guide

**Ages: 4 - 6, 7 - 9**  
**Science - Living Things**

Exploring what hides in the depths of the trees is a great way to look at habitats, classification and living things as well improving observation skills and sparking their interest in science and the world around them.

Get a large white cloth or tarpaulin and lay it out underneath a tree with branches you can reach. Shake the branches for several seconds. Students can now find and observe the different mini-beasts that have fallen from the tree. It's great if you're able to provide microscopes and magnifying glasses to take a closer look.

The students can keep a simple record of what they've discovered on the record sheets.

Extension activities: Older students could do some report writing on one of the mini-beasts they found.

Equipment needed:

- Large white cloth / tarpaulin
- Magnifying glasses (optional)
- Microscopes (optional)
- Record sheets

