



DEAD TREES ALIVE!

Nothing is more alive than a dead tree. See for yourself!

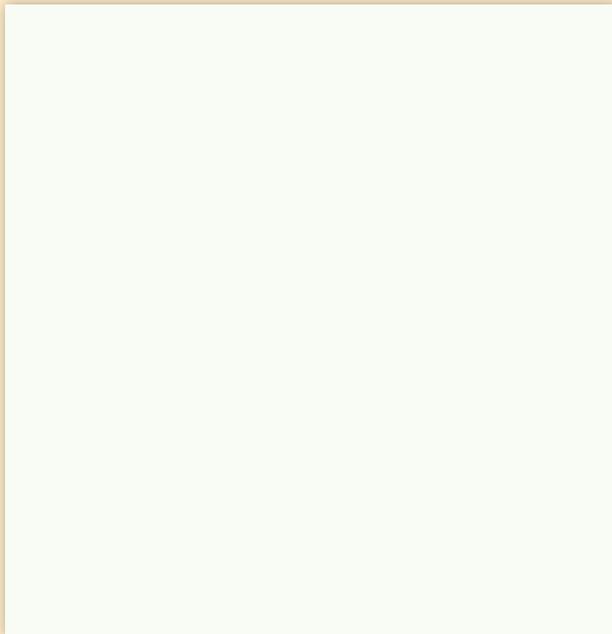
Keep a Record!

Date _____ Time _____
Location _____ Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along

- Crayons or colored pencils
- Field guide on trees (optional)

1. Head outside and find a dead tree (still standing or fallen) or a rotting log. Sketch it here:



2. What living things (or signs of living things, such as feathers, poop, holes, or chewed bark) do you see on and around it?

3. Look on and under the bark. What traces of life can you find?

4. If you have picked a fallen tree, look beside and beneath it. If you are looking at a log, roll it over if you can. (Note: Roll the log toward you so that any snakes or other creatures can escape away from you.) What do you find? Roll the log back in place after looking.

5. If you picked a standing tree, look up. Describe what you see. Do you see any holes above you or any animals scurrying or birds coming and going?

6. On the back of this page, write a paragraph that explains why your dead tree or log is alive. Provide as much evidence as you can.

