

# Be a nature detective

## ... in spring and summer

**Wild animals can often be incredibly difficult to see.** They may come out at night. Or they may be so shy of us that they stay out of our sight. But we can find evidence of where they've been and what they've been doing. **Here are some of the things to look out for.**



### Slime trail



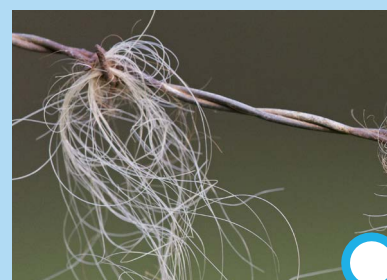
Can you follow the silvery trail?  
**Do you think it was made by a slug or a snail?**

### Mole hills



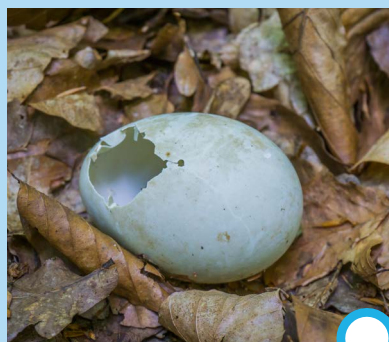
Are they loose and fresh, or old and dry? **Where might the mole be now?**

### Hair caught in a barbed wire fence



An animal squeezed through here. **Can you guess what it was?**

### Empty egg shell



**Did it hatch naturally, or has it been eaten?**

### Feathers



More than one feather looks suspicious. **Was the bird eaten by a predator?**

### Poo



**You can learn a lot from animal poo.**

Did you know hedgehog poo is shiny because it's full of beetle shells? Or that fox poo is shaped like a corkscrew? **(gross fact – tell your friends!)**

**Action**

Write and  
tell us  
what you  
detected.

**Can you find other  
signs and clues?**

# Wild activities!

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Sign up and earn rewards!

**Wild  
Challenge**



# [Wild Challenge extra]

## The nature detective's evidence sheet

Write down the **signs and clues** that will help you work out what has happened. Use a photo or drawing to show what you have seen. If you like you could **send us a picture** of this page to prove what you detected.



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**Date and time**

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In the middle of a field?)

**Clues at the scene**

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**Object found** Animal hair

**Date and time** 12th July, 10.30am

**Where?** (In a wood? On a path?  
In the middle of a field?)

Low down on barbed wire in field.  
Animal path goes under the fence here.

**Clues at the  
scene**

Hair is black and white.

**What do you  
think happened?**

I think a badger went through here.

