

Delving into deadwood

HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?



Fungus



Moss



Lichen



Snail



Slug



Earwig



Ground beetle



Rove beetle



Longhorn beetle



Woodlouse



Centipede



Millipede

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Deadwood is a tree (or part of a tree) that has died and has started to decay. It is a really important habitat for lots of different insects and other invertebrates. New deadwood is hard, and attracts woodlice, slugs, snails and fungi. Older deadwood is soft and spongy. It attracts predators like centipedes and millipedes.

Delving into deadwood: where could you look?

You can find deadwood in gardens, parks and woodlands. First of all watch to see what living things you can find on the surface of the deadwood. Then look underneath and inside.

Here are some types of deadwood where you could look...



...on top of fallen logs



...under fallen logs



...in old hollow trees



...on standing dead trees



...under the bark



...on tree stumps



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