



# ANIMALS IN WINTER

In most places, winter is cold. Water may freeze, and the ground may be covered with snow. Also, food can be harder to find. How do animals survive during winter? Lots of different ways! Head outside and look for clues.



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## Keep a Record!

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_ Weather \_\_\_\_\_

## Helpful Things to Take Along

- Warm clothes
- Field guides to animal tracks or other animal signs

**DIRECTIONS:** To survive during winter, animals need shelter, water, and food. Can you spot signs of animals in your neighborhood? Can you use the signs to identify the animals? Can you find all the things each one needs to survive? As you investigate, complete the chart below. See the example in red.

ANIMAL SIGN	FROM WHAT ANIMAL?	POSSIBLE SHELTER	POSSIBLE WATER SOURCE	POSSIBLE FOOD SOURCES
Dark droppings shaped like pellets	Deer	Thick pine trees behind house	Creek behind house	Twigs, stems, grasses

## SOME SIGNS TO LOOK FOR

- Tracks and trails
- Holes and nests
- Scat (droppings)
- Fur and feathers
- Live animals

