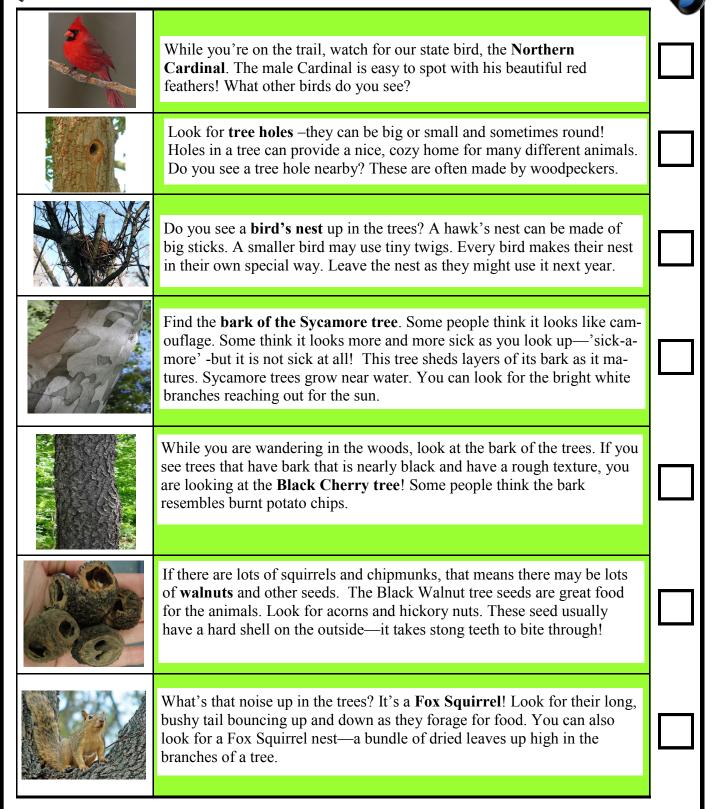


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	Find a rotting log on the forest floor and poke around. Rotten logs are home to many beneficial insects and mushrooms. They provide shelter for animals and enrich the soil as they break down.	
	Look high above you—up into the sky. Often there are birds soaring . They soar on currents of warm air called thermals. It might be a hawk, turkey vulture, eagle or other bird of prey.	
	Shelf mushrooms can be found clinging to trees in the park. They get their name because they look like shelves! Do you think that animals use them like stairs to climb the tree?	
	Look for vines hanging from the trees. If the vine is stuck to the tree and hairy—don't touch it is poison ivy! Vines grow from the ground and have to hold on tight to a tree or bush to get to the sunlight.	
1111	Many animals make their home in the woods. When these animals walk in mud, sand or snow, they leave tracks . Look for tracks near the water or in muddle spots. The tracks in the picture are Raccoon tracks.	
	Find a maple leaf . There are several different species of maple trees in Indiana. The Sugar Maple is used to make maple syrup. It takes almost 40 gallons of Sugar Maple sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup?!	
	Can you spot some tree roots ? The roots of a tree soak up the water that helps the tree grow while holding it firmly in the ground.	
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