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SPOOK-TOBER

SOME ANIMALS GIVE PEOPLE A FRIGHT. BUT IF YOU LOOK CLOSER YOU MAY FIND THAT THEY ARE NOT SCARY AT ALL!

Can you see or hear any of these spooky animals on your hike?

OWLS

Listen for the hoot of an owl at night. It may sound eerie, but there's nothing to fear. Owls hoot to warn other owls to stay out of their territory. Luckily, they don't mind if people pass through.



BATS

Many people think of vampires when they see a bat. The truth is, bats are one of our best allies in controlling bugs. While we sleep, one bat can eat up to 8,000 insects per night.



CROWS

You can often find Crows making dinner out of a dead animals. Their rotten diet gives some people the creeps, but crows are really providing a cleanup service. They keep fields, forests, and roads clear of disease-carrying dead things.



SPIDERS

While some spiders are dangerous, most avoid people. They prefer to hunt or trap insects. In fact, they are a big help in controlling pests like mosquitoes, roaches, flies, and moths.



On your next hike, play a game of 'SPOOK'. It's like BINGO except you're trying find these sights, sounds, and smells to spell 'SPOOK'.

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Bat	Worm	Toad	Bones	Moon
Spider Web	Moth	Crow	Clouds	Hole in a Tree
Fog	Something Orange	FREE	Crooked Tree	Howl Sound
Owl Hoot	Brown Leaves	Bug with over ten legs	Snapping twig sound	Snake
Dead Tree	Something stinky	Creaking Sound	Bat	Spider