

I share my home with....

DID YOU KNOW

What creatures do you share your home with?/How many beings/creatures live under your roof? If you stopped after counting yourself, your family members and your pets, think again!

FOR YOUR FIELD DIARY

Let's find out what the biodiversity your home is! Shall we go on a safari right in your home? Arm yourself with your field diary and a pencil, and walk around your home and garden. If you live in an apartment, walk around your apartment complex and the common areas such as the staircase and the garden below, as well. Scour the ground, the walls, nooks and corners for all animals and plants that you can see. Each time you see a living thing, make a note in your diary and describe it. Is there something you spotted that you could not identify?

Write to us with your descriptions, sketches or photographs if you need any help with identifying your creature.

Compare the biodiversity of your home with the home of your friend's. If there are differences, what do you think are the reasons for them?

A Hotspot

You may have read or heard about biodiversity hotspots. These are regions with a particularly large number of various kinds of creatures (much more so than other areas) and that are also at the same time in danger of being lost. Typically, some of these creatures (plants or animals, great and small) are found nowhere else. The dangers they face could be from less and less space available for them to live in, the kind of forest or grassland that they thrive in being altered, hunting, disease etc.

The Western Ghats in southern India are a biodiversity hotspot. If you consider just plants, it has more than 5000 different kinds and over 1500 kinds are found only in this region!

WRITE TO US!

Get in touch with us at edu@ncf-india.org and tell us whether you'd like to change the biodiversity of your home, and why. What creatures would you like to add or remove - plants or animals? How would you do it?