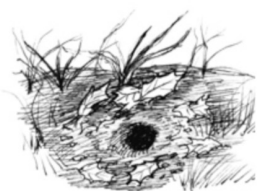


# Animal Homes Study

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Take a nature hike in your neighborhood/park and see how many animal homes you can find (Do not assume that all holes you find are active homes for animals.) Make a tally by each home that you see.

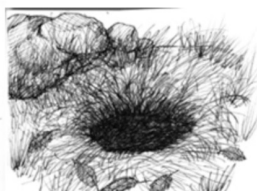
## Holes in the ground



One inch hole  
Mouse



1 ½ inch hole  
chipmunk



3-5 inch hole  
skunk



5-7 inch hole  
Woodchuck  
Dirt pushed outside of hole



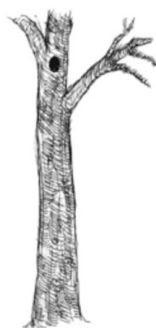
9-12 inch hole  
fox

## Tree Nests – Hollows in trees

Most holes are made by woodpeckers, and are later taken over by other animals. Larger holes develop if a branch breaks off a tree.



Woodpecker/Chickadee  
1-2 inch hole  
If outside of hole is chewed to  
enlarge hole – red squirrel



Squirrel  
3 inch hole  
Small owls and pileated  
woodpeckers too.



Raccoon  
6 inches or greater  
In Fall or Spring may be  
seen sleeping in the hollow  
opening.



Hornet Nest  
Do not disturb



Squirrel Dray  
Made of leaves and  
sticks.

Give yourself a **point for taking a nature hike**. Give yourself a **point for each different type of home you find**. \_\_\_\_\_