

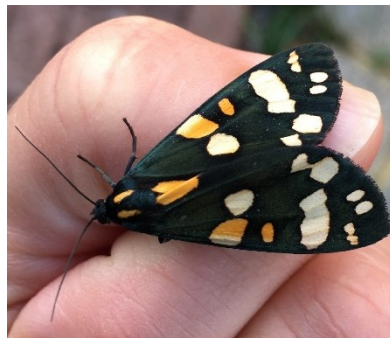


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CAMOUFLAGE

Animals and insects can either stand out from the crowd or blend into their surroundings. Hiding or disguising their presence by blending into their surroundings is called using camouflage.

Invertebrates with bright colours are seen by predators as being poisonous or dangerous so they are less likely to be hunted - like this scarlet tiger moth. This is the opposite of camouflage!



Creatures that blend into their surroundings are harder for predators to see - like this young grasshopper.



Some animals camouflage themselves using natural materials - like this caddis fly larva



While others use their camouflage and wait patiently until they can catch a juicy meal - like this flower crab spider!



For ground nesting birds such as nightjar, being camouflaged is very important so that they are not seen by predators when they are sat on their nests. They look just like the dead leaves or ground surrounding them.



The chameleon is the champion of camouflage as it can change colour to match its surroundings. Can you think of any other animals that have really good camouflage?