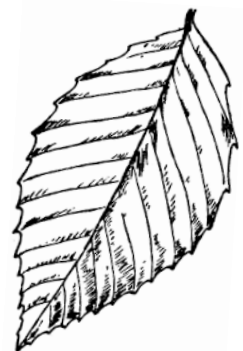


# The Forest F.B.I.



## Decomposition Scavenger Hunt

- Look for a fungus growing on a tree.  
What color is it?
- Find an invertebrate.
- Find something that an invertebrate has eaten.  
How do you know?
- Find what you think is the richest soil in this spot.  
Put your hands in it and smell.
- Look for something living underground.
- Find a log. Guess how many years it will take for this tree to completely decompose and disappear.
- Lift up some logs. Count how many different decomposers you find.  
Can you name any?
- Crawl on your hands and knees and pretend to be a decomposer.  
What would you see?
- Find a handful of duff or debris under a tree. Count how many different types of needles, leaves, sticks, and other things are in your one handful.
- Find three leaves in order of decomposition.



Did you find all 10?