Tree Death

The death of a tree isn't always a sad thing. Dead and dying trees provide shelter and food for wildlife and bring nutrients back into the soil for new plants to grow.



One sign that a tree is dying is mushrooms growing from the decaying wood. Find a tree, stump, or log with mushrooms on it and draw a picture above. Many bugs like rotting wood because it's easier to chew. Find a dead tree, stump or log and draw any bugs you can find on it.

Hollowed out parts of a dying tree provide warm, hidden shelter for lots of animals. Name 6 different animals that use tree cavities as their home.