

Outdoor Family Fun:

Feeding Signs!

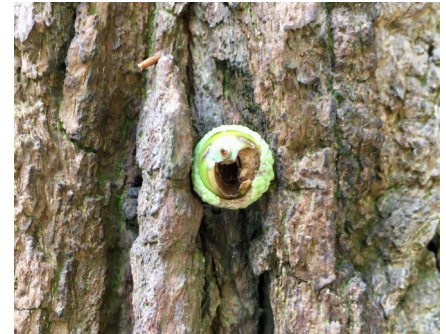
Be a detective this week & study the clues & signs animals leave behind. Find out who has been eating what in the woods around you.



Found lots of feathers? Look closely at the ends. Plucked or cut ends (as above) means a bird of prey made the kill. If the ends of the feather are chewed, it is probably a fox kill.



Deer, nips & strips the plant as it has no top front teeth to cut it.



Nuthatch, wedges nuts in tree cracks to break open with its beak.



Thrush, will take snails back to the same place to smash them open.



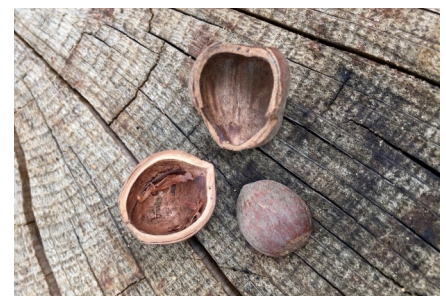
Woodpecker, lots of little holes all over the tree searching for bugs.



Vole, leaves gnaw marks on the inside of the shell.



Squirrel, the pine cone has been pulled apart for the nuts inside.



Squirrel again! It has strong enough jaws to crack the nut in half.

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