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Compost bin scavenger hunt

As you watch the video, or look at the still images on the next page, check off what you see in our compost bin. Draw them, tally off how many of each you see. Fill in the last two boxes with something else you see. What do you see the most of?

Leaves	food scraps	worms
pill bugs/sow bugs	centipede	fungus
ants	_____	_____

Can you spot the compost critter?

Its not as easy as it seems. Compost critters, or decomposers, are small, most move pretty fast and almost all blend in really well with the leaves and food scraps in our compost bins (that's called camouflage).

Take a look at the picture to the right. Do you see the critters? Hint: there is a sow bug/pill bug and a centipede.



Did you find them?
I've highlighted them below.



Now look at the two pictures below. Can you find anything? These pill bugs camouflage really well and all the debris inside the bins makes it hard to find. Our eyes see movement easier than they see color. If possible, watch the video these pictures were taken from and see how many critters you can find.

Don't forget to fill out the scavenger hunt and keep track of everything and use the info cards to help identify the organisms we have in our compost bins and give a little information about them.

