



The Arroyo Pescadero Trail is located on 7531 South Colima Road, Whittier 90605. For a detailed trail map, you can [click here](#). For more information about this trail, including people's recent experiences and driving directions, you can [click here](#).

Before you set off, remember to stay on the trail. Do not disturb any plants, animals or insects that you see along the way. If you want a keepsake of your trip, consider drawing or taking pictures! Let's leave nature the way it is so that everyone can enjoy it.

Poison Oak can be found on the trail, so we want to make sure we know what it looks like. Click [here](#) for more information on how to identify Poison Oak.



As you walk along the trail, you might notice that you are not alone. This trail leads you through a portion of the [Puente-Hills Chino Wildlife Corridor](#), a strip of natural habitat connecting wildlife that would normally be separated by development (e.g., housing, roads, etc.). The Puente-Hills Chino Wildlife Corridor stretches from north of the [Whittier Narrows](#) area all the way to the [Cleveland National Forest](#)!

When there is a place, or habitat, that lots of different plants and animals call home, we can say that the **biodiversity** (biological diversity) of that habitat is high.

SO, HOW MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES (KINDS) OF ANIMALS CAN YOU SPOT?

**Keep your eyes and ears open!** You might find different types of animals depending on time of day, time of year, and weather conditions. That is what makes this trail so interesting. It is always changing! For help identifying wildlife, consider using one of these: [iNaturalist](#) or [Merlin Bird ID](#).

### ACTIVITY 1: LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Where are you seeing different types of animals? Are they in the shade? In the sun? Are they in a tree? On the ground? In the sky?

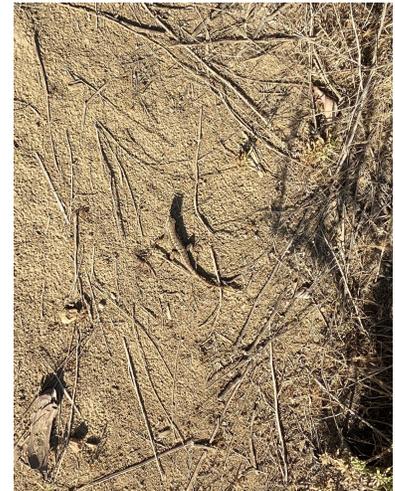


Why do you think you are finding the animals in these places? Is there anything about their body's shape that makes them well suited for staying in that location?

### ACTIVITY 2: NOW YOU SEE ME, NOT YOU DON'T

Sometimes it is hard to find an animal. They might be sleeping or staying away from the trail itself. But sometimes, they are really close by and you just don't see them.

Take a look at the picture to the right. Do you see the lizard? It blends into the dirt of the trail, doesn't it? This is called **camouflage**, or the ability to blend into one's surroundings making it hard to see. Why might this lizard want to be camouflaged? Click [here](#) for more examples of how animals use camouflage.



### ACTIVITY 3: WHO AM I?

Finally, even if we cannot see an animal - there are times we know that animal was there. How might you use this picture to find out the type of animal used the trail?

If you are interested in learning more about how to identify animals by their "tracks", check out this [link](#). Then test your tracking skills with this fun [activity](#).

