

Just for Kids

Snags Are Super!

Snags are dead trees that are still standing. They may be dead, but they are not dull! Snags are used by over 100 different animals for perching, foraging, nesting, hiding, and denning.

These Cavities Are Good!

Many animals use cavities, or holes, in trees for nesting. Flying and tree squirrels, woodpeckers, chickadees, wood ducks, and hooded mergansers are examples of animals that nest in snag cavities.

Dynamite Dens

Dens provide cover and sometimes a place to have young. Standing, broken off and large hollow trees are perfect dens for black bears and fishers.

Perfect Perches

Birds, such as bluebirds and flycatchers, may perch on a branch of a snag while looking for insects to eat. American kestrels use perches when eyeing a field for grasshoppers.

Fit for Foraging

Snags provide food, such as ants and beetles, for foraging woodpeckers. They also provide a perfect place for squirrels and mice to store nuts.

Hidden Cover

Loose bark on a snag provides cover for bats, butterflies, moths, beetles, and treefrogs.



Tell Others About Snags!

Design a poster to educate others about the benefits of snags. See if your local nature center will post it on their bulletin board.

The wildlife will certainly appreciate it!