

Pest PI: Where Am I?

Pest Private Eye is a detective who investigates pest problems, and he needs your help!

Objective: Learn about and visit various locations where you might find pests.

Procedure:

1. Print, color, and cut out your own Pest Private Eye paper doll (*see below for copy of doll to print out*). You may wish to paste him onto stiff paper or cardboard so he is sturdy. You will be taking him with you as you visit places where pests might be found.
2. Think about areas in or around your school, home, or yard where you have seen pests or where pests might live. Keep in mind that pests need food, water, and shelter. Locations might include basements, kitchens, under sinks, near pet cages, storerooms, locker rooms, or classrooms. Pay attention especially to places where there is a lot of water, clutter (like a messy room!), or food crumbs! Outside, you might find pests on trees, in grass, or on plants (look for holes in leaves!). Some pests, like mosquitoes, may even be found near small pools of water, such as in flowerpots or old tires. Do some exploring!
3. When you find a place where you either see a pest or see a condition that would be appealing to a pest (such as crumbs on a desk!), take a photo of Pest PI in that location (and with an insect pest if you see one!) and write why pests might like that area. How might Pest PI fix it so that pests will no longer want to be there?
4. Go to <http://www.projectnoah.org/missions/27414078> and “Join Mission” to become part of this project and upload your photos!

