

Small Worlds Around Us
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Animals' Simple Use of Color Is Their Protection
A wise man must have had in mind most of Nature's wild children when he said, "—early and provident fear is the mother of safety." Being scared becomes a means of survival; fear impels the animal to run or to hide. "Defense instead of defiance," is the secret of a long life.

Whether they realize it or not, all the wild creatures belong to the animal protective association. How long they remain their membership or remain in good standing depends mainly on their own resourcefulness, alertness and their protective measures they practice. Some species get an assist from nature in being natural color or shaped to match the surroundings in which they live.

In some instances the animal, usually some species of insect, is shaped like a tree twig, rock, stone, weed stem, flower or some other object that normally exists in the environment in which it naturally hides. The bulging eyes of the alligator resemble the knots on a water soaked log so closely that many inexperienced observers miss seeing the reptile. The alligator seems to know just how effective the deception is, and knows when to submerge, which he does when he is sure you have seen him.

Supplemental Color
Even those wild creatures whose coloration makes them very much like their surrounding may supplement their natural coloration by moving or assuming another body position that better fits the existing conditions. A typical example is the silly little fence lizard. Its black and white markings very closely resemble the bark of a tree, but the little guy will often re-position its body whereby some of the markings match the cracks in the tree bark. Move them a little crossways of the tree markings and they will quickly re-adjust themselves.

The bittern, inhabitant of the swamps and the marshes, is striped with brown and white markings which resemble the marsh grass so closely that it is difficult to tell which is bird and which is the water weed. However, the bird often does not feel that this is enough, so it will stretch its long neck and position the head in such a manner as to more closely resemble the grass tuft. This we could rightly call, voluntary and involuntary protection.

Involuntary protection occurs when the weasel changes from a brown coat to a white coat, the better to move unseen when the earth is snow covered. The animal, by no effort, becomes inconspicuous against the background of winter.

Escape Clause
Even those creatures of very low IQ rating possess a strange knowledge of protectiveness which shields them against drastic changes of the weather, or an escape clause that gives them an out when things look black. Butterflies go to all kinds of trouble to get on the underside of a tree limb or beneath a leaf to find shelter in a rain storm. The frog or the salamander, as dumb as they are, know enough to stick close to wet places. They seem to know a drying out would be fatal. A worm will arrange its body to correspond with a nearby twig; a chameleon will select a green leaf if, at the time, its body color is green. A katydid wouldn't think of trying to hide in dead foliage, when it knows it is safe only when its surroundings are green.

The whippoorwill and the chuck-will's widow will always rest lengthwise on a tree branch, knowing full well they would stick out like a sore thumb if they rested crossways. Great and small, they all want to remain in good standing in the animal protective association.

Milk Market Pool Due for Area 1

Salem —UPI— Milk marketing Area 1 will be the only one of the areas established by the Oregon department of agriculture under the new Milk Stabilization act that will operate under a market pool, it was announced Wednesday.

Producers in marketing Area 2, Curry county, have to operate under a distributor pool, instead of a market pool. Earlier this month marketing Area 3, Harney and Malheur counties, also voted to remain in a distributor pool. Marketing Area 1 includes all of Oregon except the three counties.

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- Chutney Dressing Nalley's 8-oz. 29¢
- Bouillon Cubes Nestles Pkg. 12's 19¢
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- Instant Tea Lipton's 3-oz. 69¢

Proctor & Gamble's Detergent Oxydol... Gt. Pkg. 75¢

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- Cascade 20 Oz. 49c
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- Mr. Clean Liquid 15 Oz. 38c
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- Dash 3-Lb. 79c
- Ivory Liquid 22 Oz. 69c
- Joy Liquid 22 Oz. 69c
- Thrill 22 Oz. 59c
- Ivory Soap---Personal 4/29c
- Ivory Soap---Medium 3/35c
- Ivory Soap---Large 2/37c
- Gamay---Regular 3/37c
- Gamay---Bath 2/35c
- Zest---Regular 2/33c
- Zest---Bath 2/43c
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- Lava---Bath 2/35c
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