

10 Leaf, bark, or art of wildlife on trees!

As a survival strategy, there are various creatures in nature that camouflage themselves on trees. They do so either to prevent themselves from predators or to ambush prey. Such camouflage helps these creatures to blend into bark, leaves, or moss.

Common Baron Caterpillar (*Euthalia aconthea*)

To hide from predators, the caterpillar has to show all its extraordinary proficiencies in camouflage. The commonly named baron is found in India and other South Asian countries, with its main habitat being mango leaves.



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Mossy leaf-tailed gecko (*Uroplatus sikorae*)

The mossy leaf-tailed gecko is endemic to Madagascar and is also a CITES II protected animal. The gecko camouflages itself, looking rough and rugged, exactly like the bark. It not only matches the colour of the bark, but the frill around its body makes it completely blend into the bark.



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