

Hello!

My name is Crinkleroot. I was born in a tree and raised by bees! My home is the forest, but I've been to the desert and walked in the sea. I've climbed hills and mountains and explored river valleys. Wherever I go, I go on foot, so I can always feel the Earth under me.

On my walks, I look for all the other creatures that share the Earth. Already I've seen more animals than I can count. Well, yes, I can count them. I've seen one billion six million two thousand four hundred and three and two-thirds (if you count the lizard that lost its tail!). And I'm still counting.

To do the job right, to see all the living things for whom the Earth is home, I'd have to search in every backyard and woodlot, look up every tree, and peek down every hole. I'd have to examine up close every crack in every rock and pavement. I'd need to look everywhere on land and underwater.

I'm not sure I'll be able to get to all these places and see every living thing. But I'm going to try. And every time I find something - a bird or bug or wildflower or fern - I haven't seen before, I'll tell everyone I meet. Then they will know how rich and wonderful the planet Earth is!

It's such a big job, I'll need some help. Perhaps you can talk to your friends and your family about any creatures you see in your own neighborhood. We can all find a see a great many things. We can learn and share a lot.

So keep your eyes open and your nosed poked out. Maybe we'll bump into one another somewhere in the great outdoors.

Your friend,

Crinkleroot