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Phenomena: Backyard Animals

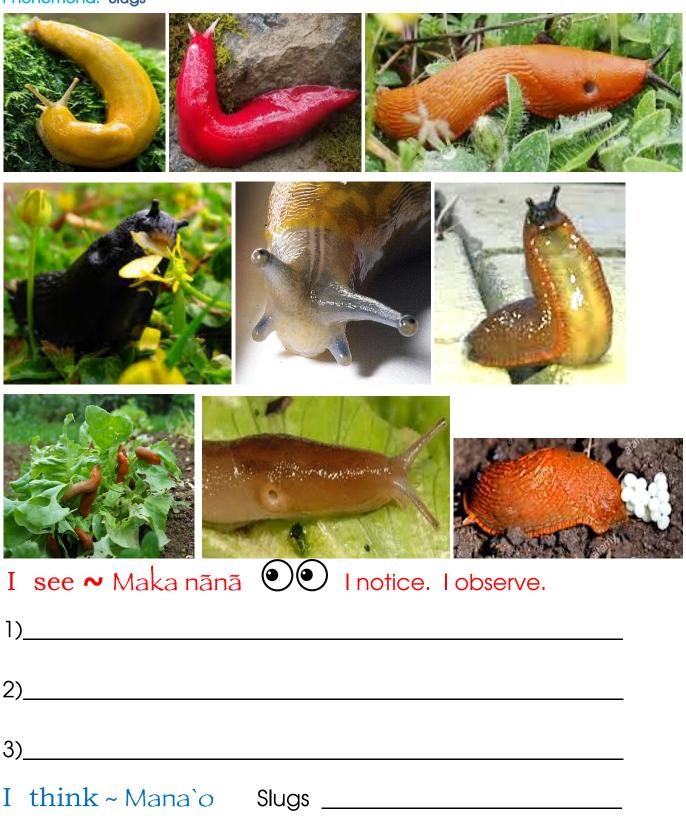
What to do: What's in your yard? 10 minutes nature hunt!
Go into your yard to see what kind of animals live there. Write down what you find and make a simple drawing of it. Tell something you noticed about it.
Be sure to tell an adult before you go outside!

Animal	Drawing			
fly		goes fast, 2 wings, shiny green body		

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The slime comes out from under the head to the tail so it won't get hurt moving on the ground.

banana slug

Slugs have a **slimy skin**. It makes **slime** so it won't dry out. The slime makes it hard for predators to pick them up and also tastes bad.





Slugs have 4 tentacles or feelers on their heads.

The longer top feelers have eyespots on their tips that can sense light.

The shorter feelers on the bottom **smell** and **taste** for finding food.

Slugs can pull their feelers In and out. If a feeler is lost it will grow back.





The hole in its side is for breathing air. Slugs can open and close the hole.



Slugs lay eggs in the dirt. Tiny slugs hatch from the eggs.



Do not pick up or touch slugs. They can make you very sick!

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Here are some photos of slugs. Make a drawing of a slug! Look carefully at its colors and body parts.

