

Crime Scene Analysis

Since Nutty the Squirrel's body was found here, this location is classed as a crime scene. But is it also the murder scene? These could actually be two different places. Here are the signs to look for:

1. Signs of Life

Are there any signs that Nutty was alive at the crime scene?

- Nibbled pinecones
- Chewed nuts and acorns
- Squirrel footprints

2. Signs of Death

Are there any signs that Nutty was killed at the crime scene?

- Bloodstains
- Lots of scuffed-up leaves and twigs
(these would indicate a fight or a struggle)

3. Signs of Movement

Are there any signs that Nutty's body was moved to the crime scene?

Tufts of Fur: where are they caught?

High up in trees - a flying killer e.g. hawk

On branches well off the ground - a large killer e.g. wolf

On branches near the ground - a medium killer e.g. red fox

On branches right on ground - the killer was small e.g. weasel

Drag Marks: Large or flying predators carry the body well off the ground, leaving no drag marks. Most medium predators are the same, but badgers often drag their food. Small predators aren't big enough to carry the body clear of the ground. Instead, they pull it along behind them, which always leaves a drag mark.