

LIFE IS EVERYWHERE



There are about 1.5 million species of animals on Earth, but how many do you see every day? You often see the big colorful animals, like birds, mammals, and fish. But look more closely. Can you see the tiny creatures, too? Eighty percent of the world's species are insects. Look on the ground. Imagine you could look under the ground. Many tiny creatures live there, too. Every cubic foot on Earth has life in it.

David Liittschwager is a photographer. He wanted to find out how many creatures are in one cubic foot. So he made an empty 12-inch cube with a green metal frame and put it in five different places around the world. He chose a tropical rain forest (Costa Rica), a coral reef (Pacific Ocean), the Table Mountain (South Africa), a freshwater river (USA), and a city park (New York).

