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NOT BEING SEEN

Not wishing to
be seen

Whether to avoid predators or to set an ambush of its own, this Robber Fly positions itself perfectly on the tip of an Ash sapling




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It would appear that these robber flies do not choose random perches to station themselves upon.

They sit motionless, unless disturbed or when darting into the air to capture a passing insect.



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A close-up photograph of a long-winged conehead grasshopper (Phyllotettix tenellus) perched on a slender green grass stem. The grasshopper is a vibrant green color, matching the grass, and its long, thin legs are stretched out along the stem. Its body is elongated and tapers towards the head, which is positioned at the top left of the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural habitat. The grasshopper's wings are folded against its body, and its antennae are visible at the top.

A Long-winged Conehead swivels to hide behind a slender stem of grass, stretching its body and legs to reduce its visibility to a potential threat.

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This Common Green Grasshopper does not want to be seen, but seems curious nevertheless. Unless they call, giving their presence away, it is very difficult to spot any grasshopper among the grasses.



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The Great Green Bush Cricket could hop, even fly if it had a mind to. It generally stays put, moving unnoticed through the grassy stems and scrub.

Only when the males sing, might you then be able to identify its location. But even that is no guarantee of finding one.



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The underwings of the Green Hairstreak refract the light and with one movement, the tone of the green can change. Try looking for one while it rests among the leaves of a Hawthorn tree.



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Lying, motionless on a leaf, a Froghopper can be easily mistaken for a seed or seed husk that has fallen from the trees above.



Staying perfectly still, it hopes to avoid detection. But at the very moment, a predator might strike, or a finger might touch, it springs into the air and can launch itself a couple of meters away from danger.



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This Crab Spider's colour merges wonderfully with that of the rose petal, rendering it invisible to the fly, who walks into the waiting trap.



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Does this Tortoise Bug know that it is less conspicuous from a distance, sitting on the head of this Salad Burnet.

I almost missed it. It did not move for five minutes. I got bored and moved on myself.



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This Rufous Grasshopper Nymph froze on the spot when I crouched over the shot.

Its cryptic pattern serves it well sat on dried up cow dung on some exposed limestone in a calcareous grassland.

