

Time for Slime!

attract slugs, you may notice the slime trail slugs leave behind.

Hagfish are sometimes called “slime eels.” These interesting creatures live in the ocean and eat dead sea animals.



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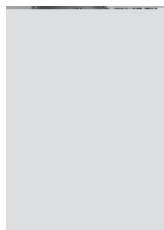
But what you might not realize is just how important slime is in the lives of some of the creatures God made. For example, slime may help them steer clear of danger. Let's look at the ways just a few of these animals depend on slime.

What Is Slime?

Another word for the slime some animals produce is . This slippery, gooey stuff helps protect them from bigger critters who may want to eat them for dinner.

Here are some of the ways slime helps these animals stay alive.

Because slugs do not have shells, their bodies are covered with slime to keep them from drying out. The slime on their bodies tastes terrible to other animals, so most creatures leave them alone. Slime also helps slugs move around from place to place. If you look carefully at the leaves of plants that



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