



Let's Go A'courting

How animals hook up!



How does a boy critter find a girlfriend? Well first he's got to attract her and then he's got to prove he's the best! Critters use lots of techniques to woo....

Color—Male cardinals are brightly colored while jumping spiders glow—dress to impress

Display—Greater sage chickens do elaborate displays—strut their stuff

Gifts—Male bower birds build a bower—how about an apartment

Dances and other movements—Spatuletail hummingbirds flap tails while Cordon bleu songbirds tap dance—I've got the moves

Vocalizations—Mice sing ultrasound songs--serenades

Perfume—Insects use pheromones—get a whiff of me

Have you ever seen a bowerbird?

Have you ever seen a bowerbird, a bowerbird a bowerbird,

Have you ever seen a bowerbird build a beautiful bower?

With grass stalks and twiglets and leaflets and flowers?

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Woo, woo, woo!

Some courting with color, (hands slide down body)

And some with display, (arms waving out to the side)

Others will dance (wiggle body)

Or sing songs everyday! (sing la la la)



Give this bird some winning colors!



Let's win
over the
peahen!

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Twiddle-pated snacks!

And make a peacock tail snack!

Cut a flour tortilla in half, spread with peanut butter and add Skittles, Froot Loops or M&Ms to make a courting tail for a bird or a fish!



How
animals
find a
partner....

.....different
approaches!

