

OH, FOX!

RULES



"Only a few steps and those sweet berries are yours to eat. They're right there, just take them! But you hesitate, as things may not be as they seem. That vague shadow you spotted earlier could be anything... and anywhere. It could be one of your forest friends, looking for food, as usual. But maybe it's something more dangerous, watching your every move, planning its time to strike..."

In *Oh, Fox!*, players assume the roles of animals in the forest and simultaneously play action cards to move around the map. Prey animals collect as much food as possible, while the predator animal tries to attack as many prey animals as it can. But who is whom, and where are they? Can you hide your identity and figure out where the others are, before it is too late?

COMPONENTS



52 action cards (13 cards per player colour):



4 single move cards



3 double move cards



3 stop cards



1 move-stop card



2 trigger cards



10 identity cards



6 objective cards



1 scoring card



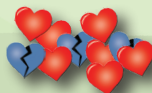
4 home tokens



4 player pawns



10 animal cards
(6 green prey cards, 4 red predator cards)



30 heart tokens



1 predator token



1 game board



SETUP

- 1 Place the game board in the centre of the table.
- 2 Each player chooses a colour and takes 1 home token and all 13 action cards in their chosen colour. Players take their action cards in their hand and place their home token on the home space (🏠) on the board that is closest to their seating position.
- 3 From the set of animal cards, choose or randomly select 2 predator cards (red) and 3 prey cards (green) and place these face-up next to the board. Return the remaining animal cards to the box.
- 4 Collect the identity cards with those same animals. Return the remaining identity cards to the box.

For example, if you included the 2 predator animals and 3 prey animals as depicted on the example illustration to the right, you should collect the identity cards of the same animals:



Shuffle the 2 predator identity cards and randomly take 1 without looking at it. Then shuffle the 3 prey identity cards and randomly take 1 fewer than the number of players, again without looking. Return all other identity cards to the box.

You should now have as many identity cards as the number of players, of which exactly 1 card is a predator identity card. Shuffle these cards together and give each player 1 card. Players look at their own identity card and place it face-down in front of them.

The predator is the hardest role to play. If all players agree, you can choose to have the most experienced player be the predator. In this case, after shuffling the predator identity cards and taking 1 of them, directly give this card to the chosen player.



- 5 If you received the predator identity card, you must take the predator token, so that all players know that you are the predator. You also take all pawns in the colours that were chosen by the other players, which you may use to keep track of their locations on the board. Place your own pawn to the side.
- 6 Place all heart tokens (❤️) to the side. This supply is not exhaustive, so if you ever run out of heart tokens, you should use substitute tokens.

- 7 Place the scoring card next to the board.

- 8 From the set of objective cards, choose or randomly select 2 cards and place these face-up next to the board as well. Return the remaining objective cards to the box.



For an easier first game, you can choose to leave the objective cards in the box.





HOW TO PLAY

OVERVIEW

The game plays over 8 turns. Each turn, players simultaneously play 1 action card. After these 8 turns, players reveal their identity and simultaneously execute their 8 actions turn by turn. The player with the most ❤️ at the end of the game wins.

A TURN OF PLAY

Each turn, players go through the following steps simultaneously:

- 1 Players secretly choose 1 action card from their hand, as well as the direction in which they want to play it.



Each action card can be played in 4 different directions, which determines the direction you will move into on the board. The direction you move into is always the same as the direction of your action card, regardless of your seating position on the table.

- 2 Players simultaneously reveal their action card and place it in front of themselves in the chosen direction. Action cards are placed from left to right and form a row to the right of the identity card.



Tip: to make sure you don't mix up the orientation of your card, you could hold your chosen card upright on the table and reveal it by letting it fall face-up.

IMPORTANT: Don't execute any actions yet!

Actions are not executed until the end of the game. See **GAME END AND SCORING** on page 5. Until then, you can always retrack a player's position on the board by looking at the action cards that he has played so far.

- 3 The predator player may use the pawns of the other players as a memory aid in tracking their positions on the board. This is optional.

As the predator player, you may use the board as a mindmap in any way you like. If you are especially devious, you can even place a pawn on the wrong space on purpose, to give that player a false sense of security!



ACTION CARDS



Single move card

You move to the first space you encounter when following the route in the direction of the arrow.



Double move card

After leaving your current space in the direction of the arrows, you move straight across the first space you encounter and continue the route to the second space.



You can make many surprising movements with a double move action.

When simultaneously executing actions at the end of the game, moves across multiple spaces are executed 1 space at a time. This is important for the ways in which a predator animal can attack a prey animal. See **EATING FOOD: PREDATOR ANIMAL** on page 4.



Stop card

You don't change position. As a prey animal, you require this card to eat food. See **EATING FOOD: PREY ANIMALS** on page 4.



Move-stop card

This card combines the single move card with the stop card. With it, a prey animal can move and immediately eat food on the space it moves into in the same turn. The stop has no extra effect for the predator animal.



Trigger card

This card activates the special ability of your animal. If it cannot activate the special ability, it functions as a regular single move instead. See **TRIGGER ABILITIES** on page 7 for an overview of each special ability.

The player who is last in playing his first trigger card wins a possible scoring tie at the end of the game. See **GAME END AND SCORING** on page 5.

Playing a trigger card in your first turn is a strong opening move, because you can immediately confuse other players about your position. However, you might want to delay it for the tiebreaker.



EATING FOOD: PREY ANIMALS

Eating food is the main way to score ❤️. The way to eat food is different for prey and predator animals.

If you are a prey animal, the type of food you eat is displayed in the top right corner of your animal card. Each type of food can be found on 4 spaces on the board.

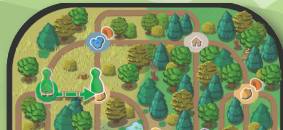


For example, the squirrel only eats 🥜. These can be found on 4 specific spaces on the board.

To eat food, you must play a stop card while you are on a space with your food on it. You can only eat once on a space, so if you play another stop card on a space where you have already eaten, it will have no effect.



You could play a stop card on a different space to pretend that you eat a different type of food. You won't receive any ❤️, but you might fool the predator!



After moving to the space with a 🥜 in the first turn, green eats the 🥜 in the second turn by playing a stop card.

IMPORTANT: Don't gain any ❤️ yet!

❤️ are not scored until the end of the game. At the end of the game, you receive 1 ❤️ for each food you eat.



You even receive 1 bonus ❤️ if you manage to fully satisfy your hunger by eating a total of 3 or more food. See **GAME END AND SCORING** on page 5.



EATING FOOD: PREDATOR ANIMAL

If you are the predator animal, you eat food by attacking a prey animal. You do so whenever you encounter a prey animal, either on a space or halfway across a route. You can only attack a prey animal once in the same turn. If you encounter multiple prey animals in the same turn, you attack each of them.



Red is the predator and attacks green by moving to the same space.



Red attacks green halfway across the route.



Because moves are executed 1 space at a time, green is attacked by red during his movement.

IMPORTANT: Don't gain any ❤️ yet!

❤️ are not scored until the end of the game. At the end of the game, for each time you attack a prey animal, you receive 1 ❤️ and the prey animal receives 1 🦋.



You even receive 1 bonus ❤️ if you manage to assert your dominance by attacking each prey animal at least once. You still receive this bonus when you attack the only prey animal in a 2-player game. See **GAME END AND SCORING** on page 5.



HEALING

If you are a prey animal and you suspect that you have been attacked, you can heal by moving to the healing space on the board. Discard 1 🦋 for each time you **end your turn** on this space. If you don't have any 🦋, this will have no effect. You don't need to play a stop card to heal. If you encounter the predator while ending your turn on the healing space, you immediately discard the 🦋 that you receive from the attack.



OBJECTIVES

Objectives provide optional requirements that both prey and predator animals can fulfill. You receive 1 ♥ at the end of the game for each objective you complete. You can start or complete an objective in any turn. See **OBJECTIVES** on page 8 for an overview of each objective card.



RETURNING HOME

If you are a prey animal, you receive 1 ♥ at the end of the game for returning to your home in turn 8. This means that you finish the game on the same space as the one you started on. Returning home is optional. Beware though, as you can still be attacked on your home while returning home.



GAME END AND SCORING

After 8 turns have been completed, the game ends. Players then go through the following steps:

- 1 The predator player guesses the identity of each other player. Then each player reveals his identity card. If the predator player manages to guess **each of them** correctly, he receives 1 ♥.
- 2 Players place their identity card beneath their first action card. Next, each player takes his own pawn and places it on his home token on the board.
- 3 Players then play out their actions simultaneously: Turn by turn, they move their identity card along their row of action cards to indicate the current turn. Upon moving the identity card to the next action card, players execute the card by moving their pawn over the board while scoring ♥ and ♠.



SCORING FOR PREY ANIMALS

- 1 ♥ for each food you eat.
- 1 ♥ if you eat at least 3 food.
- 1 ♥ for each time you are attacked.
- Discard 1 ♥ for each time you heal.
- 1 ♥ for returning home in the last turn.
- 1 ♥ for each objective you complete.



SCORING FOR PREDATOR ANIMAL

- 1 ♥ if you correctly guessed the identities of all other players.
- 1 ♥ for each time you attack a prey animal.
- 1 ♥ for attacking each prey animal at least once.
- 1 ♥ for each objective you complete.

After players have completed their scoring, they discard 1 ♥ for each of their ♠. The player with the most ♥ wins!

If there is a tie, the tying player who was last in playing his first trigger card wins. If there is still a tie that includes the predator, the predator wins. If there is a tie without the predator, the tying prey animal who is attacked the fewest number of times wins. If still tied, you should play again!

Scoring example (2 players)

The squirrel played his first trigger card in turn 3. He received 4 ♥ for eating food 3 times (1 ♥ for each food and 1 ♥ for eating food at least 3 times). He also received 1 ♠ for being attacked once and 1 ♥ for returning home in turn 8. In total, the squirrel received $4 - 1 + 1 = 4$ ♥.

The fox played his first trigger card in turn 5. He received 1 ♥ for correctly guessing the other player's identity. He also received 2 ♥ for attacking the squirrel once (1 ♥ for attacking the squirrel and 1 ♥ for attacking each prey animal at least once). Lastly, he received 1 ♥ for completing 1 objective. In total, the fox received $2 + 1 + 1 = 4$ ♥.

Both players finish the game with 4 ♥. However, the fox was last to play his first trigger card, so the fox is the winner!



EXPERT VARIANTS

FOREST FACADES

For an increased deduction challenge, more animal cards are included in step 3 of the **SETUP** on page 2:

Tough nut to crack: Include 3 predator cards and 4 prey cards.

Completely nuts: Include 4 predator cards and 6 prey cards.



If one player in the group is more experienced than the others, you could also increase the difficulty for that player alone. Have him play the predator animal and only increase the number of prey animal cards.

MASKED PREDATOR

In this variant, it remains a secret which player is the predator. Skip step 5 of the **SETUP** on page 2: Keep the predator token in the box and don't use the pawns until the end of the game.



This variant makes the game much harder for the prey animal players. We strongly recommend that you don't play this variant for your first few games!

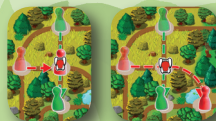


FAQ



Q: When exactly does the predator attack preys?

The predator animal can encounter a prey animal in many different ways. Movements are executed 1 space at a time, so in some cases the prey animal will have moved away before the predator arrives.



The prey is attacked after executing the first half of its double move action.



The prey has already moved away from the intersecting space by the time the predator arrives.



Attacks can also take place halfway across a route.

Q: Can the sparrow and owl encounter each other during flight?

No, they can't. The sparrow is immune to attacks during flight.

Q: Can the rabbit and badger encounter each other during their underground movement through the same tunnel?

No, they can't. The rabbit directly moves to the tunnel exit.

TRIGGER ABILITIES

HEDGEHOG



Your trigger action is a single move action. You cannot be attacked this turn.

RABBIT



If your current space has a tunnel (🐿️), directly move to the space with the other (🐿️) of the same colour, regardless of the direction of your trigger action. If your current space doesn't have a (🐿️), your trigger action is a single move action.

RAT



Your trigger action is a single move action in the opposite direction.

SPARROW



Fly forward in the direction of your trigger action until you arrive on a (🐦) of any colour (including unused ones), even if you started this turn on a (🐦). Execute this move 1 space at a time. You cannot be attacked while flying, but you can be attacked on the space you arrive on.

SQUIRREL



Your trigger action is a double move action.

TOAD



From anywhere on the board, directly move to (🐸) regardless of the direction of your trigger action, even if you are already there.

BADGER



If your current space has a tunnel (🐿️), directly move to the space with the other (🐿️) of the same colour, regardless of the direction of your trigger action. If your current space doesn't have a (🐿️), your trigger action is a single move action.

FOX



Your trigger action is a single move action in the opposite direction.

OWL



Fly 3 spaces forward in the direction of your trigger action. Execute this move 1 space at a time. You cannot attack while flying, but you can attack on the space you arrive on.

VIPER



Your trigger action is a single move action followed by another single move action back to the space you started your movement on this turn.

Example: Where would each animal move to with a trigger action?



Hedgehog: 1

Rabbit: 2

Rat: 3

Sparrow: 4

Squirrel: 5

Toad: 6



Badger: 7

Fox: 8

Owl: 9

Viper: 10

The hedgehog encounters both the badger and the viper, but is immune to attacks during its trigger action. The rabbit moves through the purple tunnel. The badger does not activate its trigger ability, so performs a regular single move. The owl flies over the hedgehog and toad, so does not attack them. After moving 1 space, the viper moves back again.

OBJECTIVES

FICKLER



Don't play the same type of action card consecutively.

NAVIGATOR



Point at least 1 action card of any type in each of the 4 directions. This does not include stop cards, as they have no direction.

SLOWPOKE



Don't play any of your double move cards.

STRAGGLER



Play all 3 of your stop cards. This does not include the move-stop card.

STROLLER



Play all 4 of your single move cards. It does not matter in which direction you play them. This does not include the move-stop card.

SWIMMER



Play a stop card while you are on . This does not include the move-stop card.

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