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I’m standing in the middle of some trees on the quiet Barro Colorado Islands in Panama. It’s nine o’clock in the evening so it’s difficult to see. But if you wait and look really closely you start to see the ground move. And what looks like leaves is starting to move. But they aren’t leaves, they are toads and during the day they hide from other animals. On the side of the tree, there are two eyes looking at me. In fact, they are the wings of a butterfly. These animals are experts at using plants to hide themselves. And not only when they are hiding but also when they go hunting. Take snakes for example. I can’t see any in the long grass I’m walking in but I know that there are hundreds of them living here so I have to be really careful …