

**covert**

1. ['kʌvət] *n*
    - 1) убежище (*дичи*); нора, логовище
    - 2) лесная чаща, чащоба  
to draw a covert - прочёсывать чащу в поисках дичи
  2. *текст.* коверкот (*мж.* covert cloth)
  3. *pl* кроющие перья (*на хвосте и крыльях*)
2. ['kʌvət] *a*
    1. скрытый, завуалированный, тайный  
covert threat [sneer] - скрытая угроза [насмешка]  
covert glance - взгляд украдкой  
covert dislike - тайная антипатия
    2. *юр.* находящаяся под покровительством мужа; замужня

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**covert** [covert coverts] *adjective, noun*  
*adjective* *BrE* ['kʌvət] <sup>m</sup>; ['kəʊvɜːt] <sup>m</sup>; *NAmE* ['kouɜːvɜːt] <sup>m</sup> (formal)

secret or hidden, making it difficult to notice

- **covert operations/surveillance**
- He stole a covert glance at her across the table.
- Every measure, both overt and covert, is being taken against terrorists.

**compare** ↑overt

Word Origin:  
 Middle English (in the general senses 'covered' and 'a cover'): from Old French, covered, past participle of *covrir*, from Latin *coopere*, from *co-* (expressing intensive force) + *operire* 'to cover'.

Example Bank:  
 • There were widespread allegations of the use of covert surveillance.

Derived Word ↑covertly

*noun* *BrE* ['kʌvət] <sup>m</sup>; *NAmE* ['kʌvət] <sup>m</sup>  
 an area of thick low bushes and trees where animals can hide

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I. **covert**<sup>1</sup> /'kʌvət, 'kəʊvɜːt/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *adjective*  
 [Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: past participle of *covrir*, ⇒ ↑cover<sup>1</sup>]

secret or hidden **OPP** overt:

- covert operations
- . . .

**THESAURUS**

- **secret** known about by only a few people, who have agreed not to tell anyone else: a secret meeting place | The details of the proposal must remain secret.
- **confidential** used about information, especially in business or government, that is secret and not intended to be shown or told to other people: a highly confidential report | Employees' personal details are treated as strictly confidential.
- **classified** used about information that the government has ordered to be kept secret from most people: He was accused of passing on classified information to the Russians in the 1950s.
- **sensitive** used about information that is kept secret because there would be problems if the wrong people knew it: A teenager managed to hack into sensitive US Air Force files.
- **covert** [only before noun] used about things that are done secretly, especially by a government or official organization: a CIA covert operation
- **undercover** [usually before noun] used about things that are done secretly by the police in order to catch criminals or find out information: Detectives arrested the suspect after a five-day undercover operation.
- **underground** an underground organization or newspaper is one that operates or is produced secretly and opposes the government: Her father was a member of the underground resistance movement in France during World War II.
- **clandestine** /klæn'destən, klæn'destɪn/ secret and often illegal or immoral: clandestine meetings | his involvement in a clandestine operation to sell arms to Iran | a clandestine love affair
- **hush-hush** *informal* used about information or activities that are kept officially secret: He was put in charge of some hush-hush military project. | I've no idea what he does – it's all very hush-hush.

II. **covert**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *noun* [countable]  
 a group of thick bushes where animals can hide

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RANGE: **10k** **COVERT** <sup>2390</sup>

covert <sup>1993</sup>

covertness <sup>0</sup>

covertly <sup>397</sup>

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<sup>1262</sup> **13702**<sup>1955</sup> *jj*

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