



KIDS CRAFTS

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COW CUPS

Materials

- Small Styrofoam Cups
- 1 piece black felt or craft paper
- 1 piece pink felt or craft paper
- 2 googly eyes, large
- Tacky glue or glue stick
- Permanent marker
- White paper



Instructions

1. First cut out some black felt/paper spots, 1-2 inches in size.
2. Cut a pink oval piece about 2 inches in size. Using the marker, draw on a little mouth and 2 dots for the cow's nostrils.
3. Cut 2 little cow ears out of white paper, 1-2 inches in size, and glue on a tiny strip of black felt in the middle of them.
4. Glue the spots all over on the cup.
5. Glue 2 googly eyes on the front and the pink snout/mouth below the eyes.
6. Fold back a tiny flat edge of each ear, and glue the flat edge to the cup on each side so the ears stick out from the cup.
7. Let dry for about 30 minutes and fill with your favorite beverage.

HANDPRINT FARM ANIMALS

Materials

- Paper
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Optional googly eyes



Instructions

1. Pick your favorite farm animal.
2. Think about if you will need to keep your fingers together, spread them out, or even just use your finger tips to make your animal.
3. Paint your hand and press firmly to the paper. You might need to touch up a few areas using a brush.
4. Think about the animals body parts. Add tails, eyes, noses/beaks, and ears.
5. Make sure to clean the paint off of your paint brushed and clean-up.

ANIMAL PLATES

Materials

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Colored paper or felt
- Glue
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Optional googly eyes



Instructions

1. Pick your favorite farm animal and imagine it's face. Think about its eyes, its ears, its nose.
2. Paint your animal's skin color on the plate.
3. Use the scissors to carefully cut out shapes for body parts such as ears.
4. Glue them to the plate.
5. Either draw eyes, make from felt, or use googly eyes to finish your animal.
6. Make sure to clean the paint off of your paintbrush and clean up.

CLAY POT BUTTERFLY PUDDLER

Materials

- Small clay pot with a separate saucer
- Sand
- Compost or salt
- A few small rocks
- Construction adhesive
- Paint
- Clear spray sealer paint



Instructions

1. Turn the pot upside down and show the child(ren) that the saucer sits on top to make the puddler.
 2. Paint the pot (remembering it will be upside down when the bird bath is complete).
 3. Once paint is dry, spray the pot and saucer with they clear spray sealer to protect the paint.
 4. Use the construction adhesive to glue to saucer to the top.
 5. Mix a tablespoon of compost or salt with the sand and place in saucer. This provides salts and amino acids to the butterflies.
 6. Add a few rocks as basking sites for the butterflies.
 7. Add water. Remember to add water every few days as it evaporates.
- *Store inside during the winter to avoid cracking.*

LIFE CYCLES

Materials Butterfly

- Print life of a monarch butterfly page for child to glue items to
- Few grains of dried rice (= eggs)
- Pasta, 1 of each of the following (Butterfly = farfalle caterpillar= rotini or penne Chrysalis = shell)

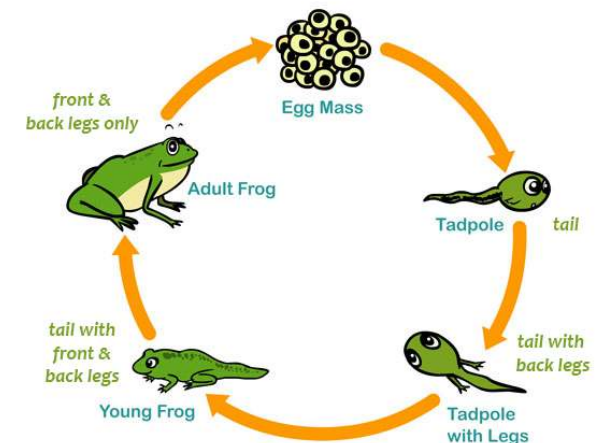
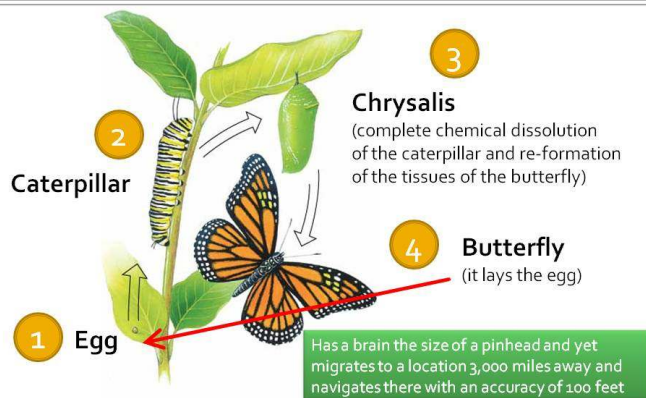
Frog

- Print frog life cycle page for child to glue items to
- Few grains of dried rice (= eggs)
- Pasta shell for all stages
- Marker

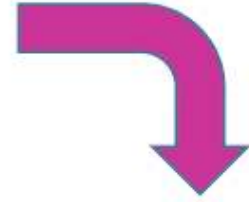
Instructions

1. Have your child glue the rice and pasta at the appropriate life stages for the creature.
2. Use a marker to draw the other body parts (butterfly antennae and tadpole/frog legs, etc)

The Monarch Butterfly



Stage One:



Stage Two:

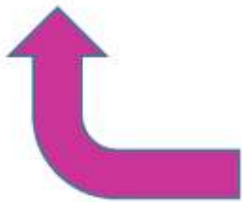


THE LIFE OF A MONARCH BUTTERFLY

One AMAZING thing I know about Monarch Butterflies:



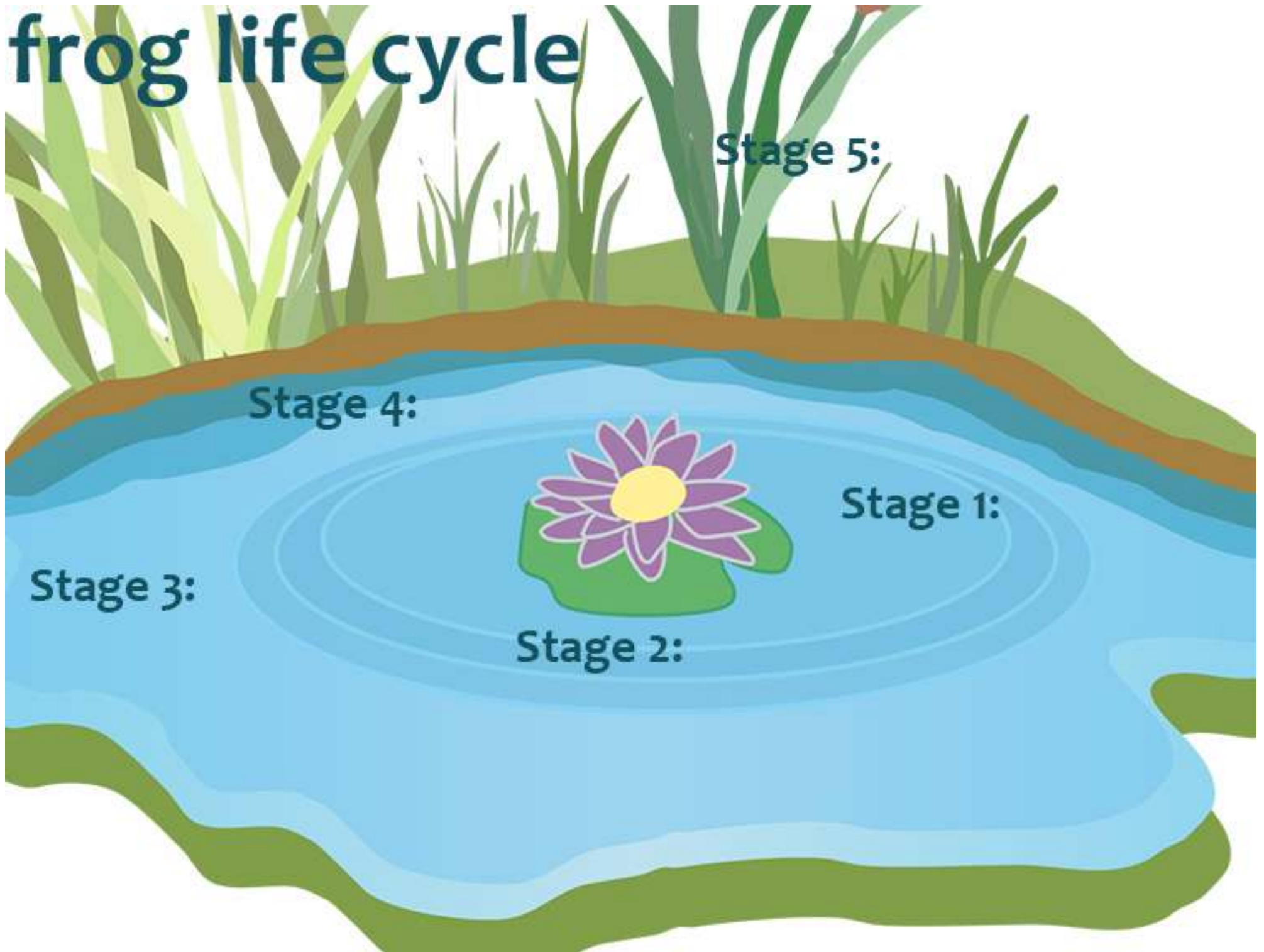
Stage Four:



Stage Three:



frog life cycle




SCAVENGER HUNTS


Materials

- Copy of one of the scavenger hunts found on the following pages.
- Pencil/marker/crayon to check off the items you find.
- Optional: binoculars or a magnifying glass depending upon if you are looking near or far.


Window on the World Scavenger Hunt




Instructions: Sit at your window and look outside. How many of the items below can you find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps wildlife!




- flowers
- blue sky
- puffy cumulus clouds
- blanket stratus clouds that cover the sky
- 3 trees
- a small bird
- an insect
- a squirrel or another animal that is not a bird or insect
- water (bird bath, puddle, river, pond, etc)
- a person




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The Skies the Limit Scavenger Hunt




Instructions: Head outdoors and keep your eyes to the skies as you see the following items. As you find each item, check the box next to it and read more about each item on the back.




- a red bird
- a brown bird
- a big bird
- a small bird
- a nest
- 3 different shapes of leaves
- a puffy cumulus cloud
- a towering cumulonimbus cloud
- a bee or other flying insect
- a hole in a tree


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Hiding in Place Scavenger Hunt




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- long grass
- a hole in the ground
- an animal making noise
- a rough object
- a smooth object
- a hole in a tree or piece of wood
- something an animal has been eating (bite marks in a leaf, holes in wood, piece of rotten fruit, etc)
- a flower with stripes
- 3 different insects
- 3 different types of leaves

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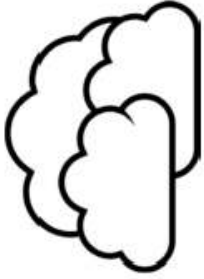


Wild Wheels

Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Going on a road trip doesn't have to be boring. Sit at your window and look outside. How many of the items below can you find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps wildlife!

- 3 different types of tree
- a cow
- a tractor or other piece of farm equipment
- blue sky
- puffy cumulus clouds
- blanket stratus clouds that cover the sky
- road kill
- a small bird
- a big bird (eagle, hawk, vulture)
- a squirrel or another animal that is not a bird or insect
- water (river, stream, lake, pond)
- a person walking or on a bike

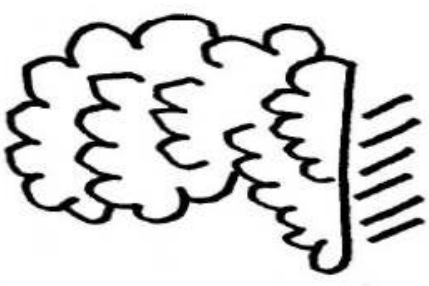


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The Skies the Limit

Red or brown bird

Birds come in many different colors. Sometimes the colors are to help them blend in (camouflage), other times the color is to attract a mate.

Small bird or big bird

Birds come in many different sizes. This can be a result of the habitat they live in, or the food they eat. What do you think the small bird you saw eats? How about the big birds diet?

Nest

Nests provide somewhere safe for animals to raise their young. Birds are not the only animal that make a nest in trees, squirrels do too. Squirrel nests are often made of a huge pile of leaves in the fork of tree branches.

3 different leaves

Many animals eat certain leaves. Some are really picky; for example, monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves! Did you spot any evidence of a hungry insect on the leaves you found? Look for small holes and missing chunks.

A puffy cumulus cloud

When we see these small white fluffy clouds, it means there is no rain. Sometimes these small clouds can start to grow taller and turn into cumulonimbus clouds, otherwise known as storm clouds.

Towering cumulonimbus cloud

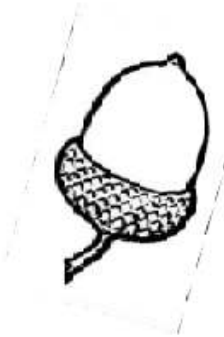
Cumulonimbus clouds are fluffy like cumulus but the cloud formations are much taller. The rain comes and goes with this cloud but when it does, it can come pouring. These storm clouds can be seen most commonly during the afternoons of summer and spring months when the Earth's surface releases heat.

A Bee or other flying insect

Some insects like bees are important to help pollinate plants. Almost all insects are important as food for other creatures such as birds.

Holes in a tree or piece of wood

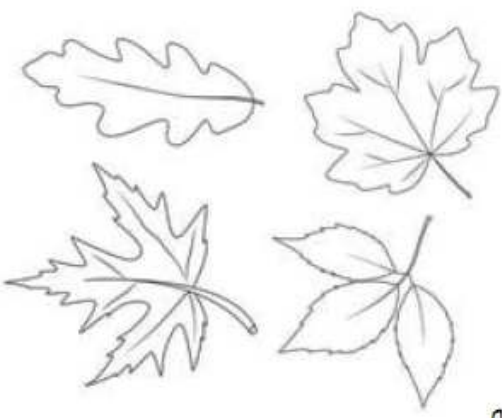
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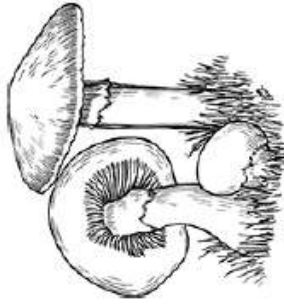
Down and Dirty Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Go for a hike and keep your eyes on the ground. How many of the items below can you find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps wildlife!

- 3 different shapes of leaves that have fallen from the trees
- a brown leaf
- fungus (mushrooms)
- a red flower
- a yellow or white flower
- an acorn or nut that has fallen from a tree
- an insect
- long grass
- a hole in the ground
- a rough object



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Down and Dirty

3 different leaves

Leaves are food for many different animals. Did you spot any evidence of a hungry insect on the leaves you found? Look for small holes and missing chunks.

Brown Leaf

These rotting leaves provide food and shelter for some animals such as roly polies. Do you think your leaf died recently, or is it still there from last fall?

Fungus

Fungi, together with bacteria, are decomposers. They are responsible for most of nature's recycling which returns dead material to the soil. Without fungi's rotting activities we would be lost under thick piles of dead plants and animals.

Red flowers

Hummingbirds have excellent eyesight and are attracted to red flowers specifically, as they're full of nutritious nectar.

White or yellow flowers

Bees and other pollinators are often attracted to white or yellow flowers. What foods do you eat that are white and yellow?

Acorns or nuts

Important source of food for animals like squirrels and deer, especially in the winter.

Insects

Insects are the most diverse family of animals on Earth. Each insect has a role to play in the environment, such as food to other animals, or as decomposers breaking down dead plants and animals. Can you make a food chain for the insect you found?

Long grass

Long grass is beneficial to wildlife because it helps smaller animals hide from predators.

Holes in the ground

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Rough objects

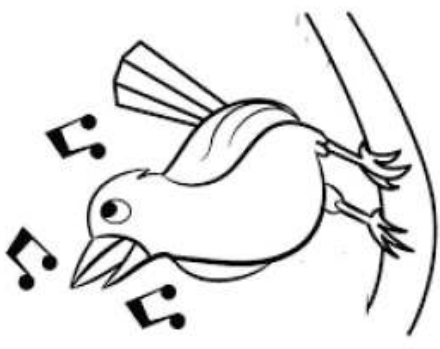
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Animals making noise

Some animals make noise to find mates, while others use it to mark their territory or scare off predators. What do you think the animal you heard was communicating?

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Smooth objects

Some objects in nature are smooth, like stones that have been weathered over time. Butterflies sometimes drink the water on these stones after it rains.

Holes in a tree or piece of wood

Some animals live in holes in trees and other structures. What animals do you think might live in the hole you found?

Something an animal has been eating

Food is a basic need for all animals, something they cannot live without. What can you see that an animal has been munching on?

Flowers with stripes

For some pollinators, the stripes on a flower can act like a landing strip, helping to guide it onto the nectar-rich plant.

3 different insects

Insects are the most diverse family of animals on Earth, and each insect has a role to play in the environment. What roles do you think the insects you found play?

3 different leaves

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Window on the World

Flowers

Flowers provide pollen and nectar to animals like bees and butterflies.

Blue Sky

We can't always see blue sky due to clouds. The conditions are always changing due to temperatures and the amount of moisture (water) in the atmosphere.

A puffy cumulus cloud

When we see these small white fluffy clouds, it means there is no rain. Sometimes these small clouds can start to grow taller and turn into cumulonimbus clouds, otherwise known as storm clouds.

Stratus clouds

They look like a thick blanket covering the sky. These clouds are a sure sign of rain if it is warm and snow if it is cold. If stratus clouds are near the ground, they form fog.

Trees

Trees are important shelter and can provide lots of different kinds of food for animals.

A small bird

There are hundreds of different types of birds in Ohio. They come in all kinds of colors and sizes to fit the habitat they live in. What color was your bird?

Insects

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Animal

Whether you are looking out of a window in the city, a yard, a farm field or forest, there are often a variety of animals making the area home. What did you see?

Water

Water is a basic need for animals, they cannot live without it.

Person

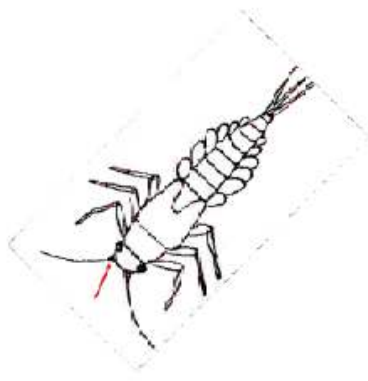
When it comes to wildlife, people can be a good thing or can cause the animals problems such as dropping litter. Can you think of something you can do to help wildlife?



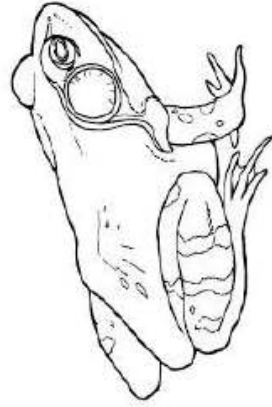
Creek Critters Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Visit a local creek and see how many of the items below you can find? As you find each item, check the box next to it and read on the back about how it helps wildlife!

- a riffle (area where water is tumbling over the rocks)
- deep pool
- big rocks
- fallen tree
- a fish
- a frog
- flying insect
- 3 different bugs that lives under rocks in the water
- trash
- handful of dead leaves in the water



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Creek Critters

Riffle

These areas of quicker moving water add oxygen to the water. Oxygen is a basic need of animals, they cannot live without it.

Deep Pool

These slow moving deep areas of water are important habitat for large fish.

Big Rocks

Can you find any rocks bigger than a basketball? These big rocks provide sheltered areas on their downstream side for small fish. Many tiny creatures burrow down and make their home under these big rocks.

Fallen tree

These provide great areas for fish, turtles, snakes, and other animals to hide.

Fish

There are lots of kinds of fish. The Ohio Division of Wildlife has a great “Stream Fish of Ohio guidebook” which is available online to download. What type did you see?

Frog

These amphibians can be really well camouflaged. What life stage did you see? Was it an adult frog, or a baby tadpole?

Flying insect

Lots of flying insects start life underwater as an egg, then hatch into a larvae or nymph. Often the adult “bugs” live around the water so they can lay eggs and start the cycle again.

Trash

Sadly we often find trash in the creeks. It hasn't always been dropped there, it can be dropped in neighborhoods and roads that are further away. When it rains this trash can be washed into the storm drain along the side of the road, where it is carried underground by pipes to the creek. Have you seen trash in your yard that you could pick up to stop it washing to the creek?

Dead leaves

Dead leaves provide food to animals such as roly polies who are herbivores (meaning they only eat plants). These leaves also provide shelter for many tiny stream bugs.