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Activity Idea

Neighborhood Nature Study

Recommended for Ages 5 years +

Document and research the animals, insects, trees, and plants that share your neighborhood.

We share our neighborhoods with many animals, trees, plants, and insects. Learn about and document the flora and fauna (plants and animals) that you can see from your window, in your yard, or on your street. Learn more about nature in your neighborhood and share your findings.

You will need:

- Pencil and paper
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Optional: an adult with a smart phone and the iNaturalist app

Instructions:

1. Observe the trees, plants, animals, or insect that you would like to study.

2. Write your observations and detail what you see. Describe behavior, appearance, sounds, and activities.

3. Draw a picture of your nature study subject.

4. With the help of an adult, research your neighborhood nature study subject using LA County Library's online databases.

5. Optional: using the iNaturalist app, submit a picture of an animal or insect you are studying and share your work as a community scientist.