Looking for Bugs

There are plenty of places to look for bugs. Keep an eye out for bug homes like spider webs or ant hills. Don't forget to look under logs and rocks, too. But only look, and don't touch! Some bugs will bite or sting when they feel threatened.

When you find a bug, draw it in the magnifying glass below.

Ant hi

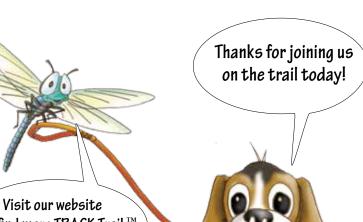
Spider web

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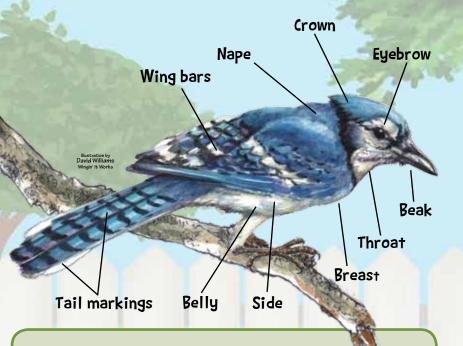


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BACKYARD ADVENTURES 2005

Have you ever gone exploring in your own backyard? How about your local park, or even at school?

> Nature can be explored anywhere! We can use this brochure to become Backyard Adventurers and take notes on the things we find.



Backyard Birds

Birds are frequent visitors to backyards. You can spot them flying in the sky, perched in trees, or foraging on the ground. Birdfeeders can also attract birds to yards. Find a spot to sit quietly, and keep an eye out for any birds near you. Take notes on a bird you spot below, using the diagram to help you describe the different types of markings you may see.

Colors:	Tail:
Beak:	Wing:
Throat:	Nape:
Breast:	Crown:
Side:	Eyebrow:
Belly:	Other:

When you are finished bird watching, you can use an online or printed bird guide to help identify any unfamiliar birds.

Can you name the bird you spotted?

What tree is that?

Use the information below to identify <u>deciduos</u> trees from <u>coniferous</u> trees. Count how many of each you find, and write it down below.

Coniferous trees are <u>evergreen</u>, meaning they retain most of their leaves throughtout the year. They also have needle-like leaves and bear cones.

Deciduos trees are the opposite of evergreens, as their leaves will shed in the Fall after turning colors. Their leaves are broad and flat.



How many Coniferous trees did you find? ______ How many Deciduous trees did you find? _____

Color Hunt

Backyards can be full of colors! Explore your backyard and look for colorful natural things like flowers, insects, and birds.Then look for man-made objects, like bicycles, garden hoses, or sports equipment. For each color, write what items you find in the boxes.

