

Kid Stuff

Nurturing Nature



Spring Things!

Birds build nests at different times in the spring and some, like eagles, start earlier in the year. Right now, there are lots of nests to discover. If you spot one, be sure not to touch it or disturb it in any way by keeping a safe distance away from the nest. Is there an adult sitting on eggs? Have the eggs hatched and you can see babies? Use binoculars to help answer these questions.



Eagles build huge nests and add to them each year.

<https://www.tiktok.com/@pbsnature/video/7117264410183241002>

Watch the weaver bird build a different kind of nest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbWM1QAVGzs>

DAYTIME DISCOVERIES – HUNTING FOR NATURE



This is a scavenger hunt that can be done in your backyard, at school, or in your neighborhood park. See if you can find all the things on the list!

Be careful not to touch things like spiders, caterpillars, or lizards. Leave things where you find them or put them back when done.

1. A spider web and be careful not to disturb it

2. A bug
3. 3 different types of leaves
4. A crooked stick already on the ground
5. A flat rock that can fit in your hand
6. A bird's nest
7. A feather that isn't brown
8. A lizard – not easy to spot!
9. 2 different birds that can be flying or perched in a tree or maybe on a birdbath

Did you know???

- #1 Spider webs are collected by hummingbirds to help build their nests.
- #6 Bird nests can be found on the ground, in a tree, on a bush, almost anywhere.
- #8 You can find backyard lizards if you look on walls, fences and trees.

* These Apps may help find the names of animals, insects, or plants.

Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab

Seek by iNaturalist

NIGHTTIME DISCOVERIES - MIGRATION

In the spring and fall, some critters travel many miles to find nicer weather and the food they need. This is called migration. During migration, birds, butterflies, some insects and bats fly over us each night. We can't see them unless they stop by the garden for food and water.

<https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/idptv11.sci.life.reg.d4kbrd/bird-migration/>

Why do some birds fly in V shaped groups when they migrate? <https://tinyurl.com/3eyvbsf>



How many birds are migrating over or near your house each night? These two links have the answer!

<https://aeroecolab.com/arizona> Purdue University

<https://birdcast.org/migration-tools/live-migration-maps> Cornell Ornithology Lab

Puzzles!

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3fcac1fdd142>

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=187fd3a93538>