

Backyard Bug Adventure



Lesson Overview

Students will practice using their senses to explore the natural world around their home.

Step One – Go explore outside

Step Two – See how many different bugs and insects you can find

Step Three – Draw each bug with its surrounding area

Step Four – Add labels to your drawings

Notes for Parents/Teachers

- This Lesson is based of David Sobel's Seven Principles for Early Childhood and Nature Education.
- **Reference:** Sobel, D. (2008). Childhood and nature: Design principles for educators. Stenhouse Publishers.

Age Group:

- 4 – 10 years old

Total Time Needed:

- Approximately 1 Hour

Materials Needed

- Pencil, colored pencils, notebook.

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Step 1: Go Explore Outside

- Explore your backyard or a park using your five senses!
- What do you see?
- What do you hear?
- What do you Smell?
- What does the soil feel like?
- What does that tree bark feel like?



Step 2: See how many different Bugs you can find!

- While looking for bugs makes sure to look low and high. Rolling over logs or moving bark on the ground can often reveal another world of insects.
- Make sure not to touch the bugs, many of them bite.
- Record how many different types of bugs you see

Step 3 & 4: Create your own Bug Guide

- Draw each bug in your notebook or on the next page
- Draw in the surrounding areas where you saw each bug
- Label each bug with details you notice
- Give each bug a name
- Share your Bug Guide with a friend!



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