

Learn more about nature where you live, and what you can do to help!

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Butterflies are a sign of our environment's health.	Can you tell what species of bird it's from? Does this bird migrate?	Is it from a native maple species like Red, Sugar, or Silver? Or a non-native Norway or Japanese Maple? Plant Native!	Deer tracks, a nut chewed by a squirrel, scat, fur. Which wild mammals share you neck of the woods?	Exotic invasive animal species are everywhere. Can you find a stinkbug, pigeon, spotted lanternfly, starling, Japanese beetle?
The Centre Region has awesome amphibians - frogs, toads, salamanders- always handle them with clean wet hands, replace any rocks or logs you moved.	Humans could not survive without insects, especially pollinators. Use less pesticides to help them help you!	Open it up, learn about a species that you've never heard of before	Bird houses help cavity nesters like chickadees, eastern bluebirds, and House Wrens. If you don't have one, put one up!	Learn how to plant an oak tree to help wildlife extension.iastate.edu/news/yard-and-garden-handling-germinating-and-planting-acorns
Don't forget it next time you go to the store, let's cut down on single-use plastics!	Learn how to protect your local birds from colliding with your windows birdsavers.com/		Not all bees live in hives can you fins another bee house?	What's your favorite nature-themed book? Why?
Look up, do you see the large "spooky looking" branches of a black walnut tree? Are there any signs of squirrels- this is one of their favorite trees.	Can you identify the tree? Some trees like American Beach and Tulip Poplar have very distinctive buds	If you can identify the bird call/song you get an extra free space! Cross off one other space of your choosing!	We can all do our part to clean up our watershed	Often called "onion grass", this plant it edible
We love our Virginia Opossums! You can help opossums and other scavengers by not throwing food on the road	Find and remove Japanese Stilt Grass, Garlic Mustard, Japanese Knotweed, or another foreign competitor to native plants.	Riding a bike is great way to connect with nature and exercise at the same time	Can you find a caterpillar? Can you identify it?	Did you know you can make a pine cone into a bird feeder? preschoolinspirations.com/pine-cone-bird-feeders/