

My Backyard Nature Journal



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Organising your Journal

We recommend you read the *Backyard Nature Lessons* aloud to your children and use it as a field guide to obtain the most benefit from this resource. Each page is referenced to a nature study topic in *Backyard Nature Lesson*.

One lesson is done each week over two terms (16 lessons). You can read the book one day and then do the notebook immediately after or wait till another day to complete your journal pages.

How you put together your nature journal is up to you, but we do have a few suggestions of ways it has worked for others:

- Bind all the sheets together and use as a booklet or paste individual pages into an art journal.
- Use the blank sheets and notes sheets (provided) for children who want to add extra information or illustrations.
- Consider printing on high quality paper for a better result.
- Encourage children to personalise their journals and add extra nature study pages such as fish or birds, if the opportunity arises.

Each journal page includes the essential observations of nature study, spaces for writing and sketching and simple suggestions and ideas to discuss on the topic, which you can adapt to the environment you are observing. Our goal is to help children develop the habit of observing the environment, recording and interpreting what is seen and felt. For the most part there are no right and wrong answers, as these are not revision worksheets, but rather aids to exploration and consolidation of the material covered in *Backyard Nature Lessons*.

Enjoy!

Let's Explore

Backyard Nature Lessons: 1

Date

Time

Weather

Location

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Discovery Ideas:

Tick off the insects you have seen.

- Ants
- Dragonflies
- Moths
- Beetles
- Aphids
- Grasshoppers
- Cicadas
- Bees
- Butterflies
- Wasps

Which ones did you find today?

Draw a picture of one of the insects you found and write about the place you found it.

Notes

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