



We all need safe places to live and safe paths to travel. Animals, too. Meet the people who are stitching the planet’s habitats back together.

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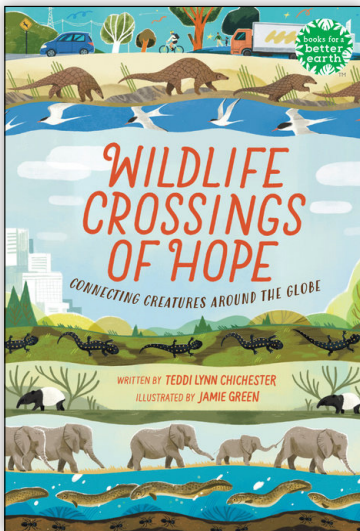
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### Meet the Creators!

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# Your Own Backyard BioBlitz!

A BioBlitz is a high-octane scavenger hunt for native species in a particular area in a short time. You can conduct your own BioBlitz in your backyard or neighborhood.



## What to do:

1. Create a site map! You can use Google Earth/Maps to capture an image of the area you'll be surveying. Print it out or draw your own map based on the image.
2. Gather your tools.

## You will need:

1. Notebook
2. Smartphone with an app like iNaturalist that can help identify species
3. Camera or phone camera



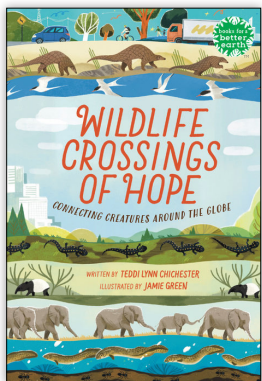
Go outside and look for plants, insects, and small animals, making sure not to capture or handle any wildlife.

Take pictures of everything you find, or draw them in your notebook.

Use an app to identify the different species you have found.

You can learn more about BioBlitzes on the NatGeo Bioblitz Guide:

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/bioblitz/>



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# Make a Bug Hotel!

A bug hotel is a structure that you make and place outdoors, usually in a garden or near where insects like to live. It is ideally made using natural material and is a great way to help the bugs in your garden stay warm and safe!



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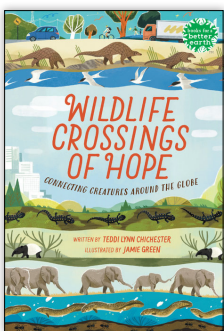


- Milk carton or medium-size box
- 8-10 toilet paper rolls
- Dried moss or grass
- Sticks
- Bark
- Bamboo
- Wood chips
- Pebbles/rocks
- Leaves
- Dried flowers
- Pine cones
- Hot glue gun or white glue



## What to do:

1. With the help of an adult, cut a large opening on one side of the milk carton or box.
2. Insert the toilet paper rolls into the milk carton or box.
3. Add dried grass or moss around the sides of the rolls and in the back of the milk carton or box.
4. Fill each tube with some of the various materials you have gathered (sticks, bark, leaves, etc.).
5. Fill in the sides of the milk carton or box with the remaining materials.
6. Make a sign out of cardboard that says: BUG HOTEL.
7. Place it outside and watch as various insects move in!



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# Make Your Own Pollinator Water Station!

Create an insect-safe drinking station to examine bug biology and build empathy.



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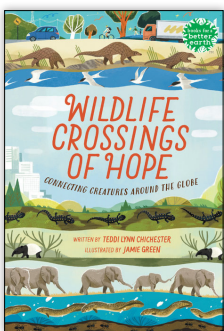
- Container
- Rocks or other dimensional objects
- Water
- Cuttings or fallen flowers/leaves



## What to do:

1. Collect fresh or fallen flowers, leaves, and rocks in a container.
2. Cover almost the entire bottom of the container with rocks, leaving small amounts of space between them. The trick to a pollinator water station is to create dry “islands” surrounded by water. That way, wherever a bug lands, it has both access to water and a safe, dry spot to pause and rest while drinking.
3. Add water halfway up the height of the rocks (islands) so that water covers the bottom of the container while the tops of the rocks remain dry.
4. Decorate the water fountain by adding sprigs of flowers and leaves to grab the attention of beneficial bugs and add visual interest.
5. Place the water station in the shade near flowering plants and check it daily, adding fresh water as necessary.

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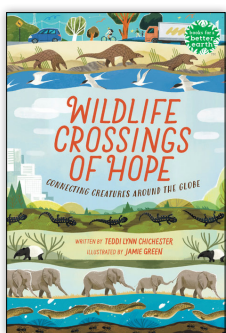
# Scientific Species Matching Game!

When scientists refer to plants and animals, they use what are called their “Latin binomials,” a universal system of double names, the first being the genus, or larger community of organisms, and the second a specific descriptor.



**Instructions:** Draw a line from the the common name of the species to its scientific name.

<b>Mountain lion</b>	<b>Sterna paradisaea</b>
<b>North American beaver</b>	<b>Timema cristinae</b>
<b>Koala</b>	<b>Puma concolor</b>
<b>Western spadefoot toad</b>	<b>Castor canadensis</b>
<b>Arctic tern</b>	<b>Phyllomedusa tomopterna</b>
<b>Galápagos giant tortoise</b>	<b>Phyllomedusa bicolor</b>
<b>Bengal tiger</b>	<b>Spea hammondi</b>
<b>White-lipped peccary</b>	<b>Antrozous pallidus</b>
<b>Giant monkey frog</b>	<b>Tayassu pecari</b>
<b>Tiger-striped leaf frog</b>	<b>Phascolarctos cinereus</b>
<b>Timema walking stick</b>	<b>Pseudois nayaur</b>
<b>Pallid bat</b>	<b>Callipepla californica</b>
<b>Blue sheep (bharal)</b>	<b>Chelonoidis niger</b>
<b>California quail</b>	<b>Panthera tigris tigris</b>



Answer Key:  
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