

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BY TOPIC

TOPIC, Book Title and Author

Grade Recommendations

SCHOOLYARD NATURE HIKES & OBSERVATIONS (SENSES AND PATTERNS)

<i>Bird Calls</i> (a Hear and There book) by Frank Gallo	Gr K-1
<i>The Snail's Spell</i> by Joanne Ryder	Gr K-1
<i>Two Blue Jays</i> by Anne Rockwell	Gr 1-2
<i>Magic School Bus Explores the Senses</i> by Joanna Cole	Gr K-2
<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature</i> by Joyce Sidman	Gr 1-3
<i>Take a City Nature Walk</i> (Take a Walk series) by Jane Kirkland	Gr 3-6
<i>The Kids Guide to Exploring Nature</i> by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Educators	Gr 3-6

ANIMALS

Insects

<i>The Very Quiet Cricket</i> or <i>The Very Lonely Firefly</i> by Eric Carle	Gr K-1
<i>Have You Seen Bugs?</i> by Joanne Oppenheim	Gr K-2
<i>Waiting for Wings</i> by Lois Ehlert	Gr K-2
<i>On One Flower, Butterflies, Ticks and a Few More Icks</i> by Anthony Fredericks	Gr K-2
<i>Insects are My Life</i> by Megan McDonald	Gr 1-3
<i>Ladybug on Orchard Avenue</i> by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld	Gr 1-3
<i>Life and Times of the Ant</i> by Charles Micucci	Gr 1-4
<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i> by Paul Fleischman	Gr 3-6

Squirrels

<i>Scaredy Squirrel</i> by Mélanie Watt	Gr K-1
<i>Those Darn Squirrels</i> (one in a series) by Adam Rubin	Gr K-2
<i>About Rodents: A Guide for Children</i> by Cathryn Sill	Gr 1-3
<i>Ozette's Destiny</i> by Judy Pierce	Gr 3-6
<i>Enjoying Squirrels More (or Less!)</i> by Howard Youth	Gr 3-6

Birds

<i>Birds Build Nests</i> by Yvonne Winer	Gr K-2
<i>Owl Moon</i> by Jane Yolen	Gr K-2
<i>City Hawk</i> by Meghan McCarthy	Gr K-3
<i>Screech Owl at Midnight Hollow</i> by C. Drew Lamm	Gr 1-3
<i>She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!</i> By Kathryn Lasky	Gr 1-4
<i>Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle</i>	Gr 3-6
<i>Take a Backyard Bird Walk</i> (Take a Walk series) by Jane Kirkland	Gr 3-6

Camouflage

<i>Where's that Fish? or ...Spider?</i> (Hide and Seek Science) by Barbara Brenner & Bernice Chardiet	Gr K-3
<i>How to Hide a Meadow Frog or Butterfly or Crocodile</i> all by Ruth Heller	Gr K-3
<i>What Color is Camouflage?</i> by Carolyn Otto	Gr 1-3
<i>Claws, Coats and Camouflage</i> by Susan Goodman	Gr 2-5

Pollinators

<i>Flowers are Calling</i> by Rita Gray	Gr K-2
<i>The Bumblebee Queen</i> by April Pulley Sayre	Gr K-3
<i>What is Pollination?</i> by Bobbie Kalman	Gr 1-3
<i>Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate</i> by Sara Levine	Gr 1-4
<i>Bees: A Honeyed History</i> by Piotr Socha	Gr 2-5
<i>The Clover & the Bee: A Book of Pollination</i> by Anne Ophelia Dowden	Gr 5-6

PLANTS

<i>From Seed to Plant</i> by Gail Gibbons	Gr K-2
<i>Dandelion Adventures</i> by L. Patricia Kite	Gr K-2
<i>A Log's Life</i> by Wendy Pfeffer	Gr K-3
<i>The Dandelion Seed</i> by Joseph Anthony and Cris Arbo	Gr K-3
<i>The Big Tree</i> by Bruce Hiscock	Gr 1-4
<i>In a Nutshell</i> by Joseph Anthony & Cris Arbo	Gr 1-4
<i>How do Plants Defend Themselves?</i> by Ruth Owen	Gr 2-5
<i>Take a Tree Walk</i> (Take a Walk series) by Jane Kirkland	Gr 3-6
<i>DK Eyewitness Books: PLANT</i> by David Burnie	Gr 3-6

HABITATS AND ECOSYSTEMS

<i>In the Woods, and Around the Pond, Who's Been Here?</i> by Lindsay Barret George	Gr K-2
<i>Over and Under the Pond</i> by Kate Messner	Gr K-2
<i>Songs of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems</i> by Joyce Sidman	Gr K-5
<i>Save our Stream!</i> by Colin Polsky and Jane Tucker	Gr 2-5
<i>Pass the Energy, Please!</i> by Barbara Shaw McKinney	Gr 2-5
<i>What are Food Chains and Webs?</i> by Bobbie Kalman and Jacqueline Langille	Gr 3-5
<i>Seeking the Wolf Tree</i> by Natalie Cleavitt	Gr 3-6
<i>A Beach for the Birds</i> by Bruce McMillan	Gr 3-6

Human Impact

<i>The Lorax</i> by Dr. Seuss	Gr K-4
<i>Wump World</i> by Bill Peet	Gr 1-4
<i>Rachel Carson and Her Book that Changed the World</i> by Laurie Lawlor	Gr 2-5
<i>Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who are Helping to Protect our Planet</i> by Harriet Rohmer (this book has short stories, and one features a teenager from Rhode Island!)	Gr 4-6

WEATHER, WATER AND SOILS (AND SEASONS)

<i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i> by Jim Arnosky	Gr K-1
<i>Who likes Rain? (Exploring the Elements)</i> by Etta Kaner	Gr K-2
<i>The Story of Snow</i> by Mark Cassino	Gr K-3
<i>Snowflake Bentley</i> by Jaqueline Briggs Martin	Gr 1-3
<i>The Cloud Spinner</i> by Michael Catchpool	Gr K-3
<i>Cloud Dance and Water Dance</i> by Thomas Locker	Gr 1-4
<i>One Well: the Story of Water on Earth</i> by Rochelle Strauss	Gr 3-6
<i>Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed the Wind & Changed Their World</i> by Allan Drummond	Gr 4-6
<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> (children's edition) by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer	Gr 4-6
<i>Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt</i> by Kate Messner	Gr K-2
<i>Dirt: The Scoop on Soil</i> by Natalie Myra Rosinsky	Gr 1-4
<i>Everybody Needs a Rock</i> by Byrd Baylor	Gr 2-5
<i>Soil (Rock and Minerals)</i> by Rebecca Hirsch	Gr 3-6
<i>Sunshine Makes the Seasons</i> by Franklyn Branley	Gr K-2
<i>The Reasons for Seasons (New and Updated)</i> by Gail Gibbons	Gr K-3
<i>Our Seasons</i> by Ranida McKneally (introduces haiku)	Gr 1-4
<i>Discover the Seasons</i> by Diane Iverson	Gr 1-4