

Craft Time!

HANGING NATURE BATS

What You'll Need:

- ★ Cardboard
- ★ Glue
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Sticks and Leaves
- ★ Googly Eyes
- ★ Pipe Cleaners

STEP 1: CUT

Trace a simple bat shape on cardboard. Now, use your scissors (or the help from who's in charge) to cut out the shape.

STEP 2: GLUE

Collect sticks and leaves from your yard or one of our trails. Glue the sticks on to the body, and feel free to break some to fill in any gaps!

Then, glue leaves of all different shapes and colors onto the wings. Make sure you press down on each leaf so they don't curl up.

Finally, glue on some googly eyes (or get creative with rocks or petals!) As a finishing touch, make some ears with small sticks.

STEP 3: HANG

Let the glue dry overnight. Poke pipe cleaners through the cardboard at the "feet" and hang your bat upside down from a branch!



Photo and craft from littlepinelearners.com

Field Guide

NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE

Scientific Name: *Erethizon dorsatum*

WHAT SOUND DOES A PORCUPINE MAKE?

* Moans, grunts, coughs, wails, whines, shrieks, and tooth clicking!

A PORCU-WHAT?!!

* Young porcupines are called porcupettes! Their quills are soft when they are first born, but they harden an hour later.

WINTER EATS

* In the winter, porcupines primarily eat evergreen needles!

OFF TO COLLEGE!

* In the wild, porcupines are known to live as long as 18 years!

BODY ARMOR

* Porcupines are covered in around 30,000 quills! They cannot throw or shoot them, but they detach easily when a predator attacks and serve as a great defense mechanism.

WHERE CAN I SEE ONE?

* Porcupines love to climb trees, so look up when you are hiking one of our trails! Try the Macsherry Trail, Chippewa Bay Preserve, Otter Creek Preserve, or Foster-Blake Woods Preserve. Wildlife watching tip: be quiet, and observe from a distance! You don't want to change their natural behaviors! These photos were both taken *at a distance* with a zoom lens on the Macsherry Trail.



Greg Washburn



Book: Finding Wild

by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Abigail Halpin

Age Range: Pre-K - 2nd Grade

Two kids set off on an adventure away from their urban home and discover all the beauty of the natural world. As the children make their way through the woods and back to the paved and noisy streets, they discover that wild exists not just off in some distant place, but right in their own backyard.

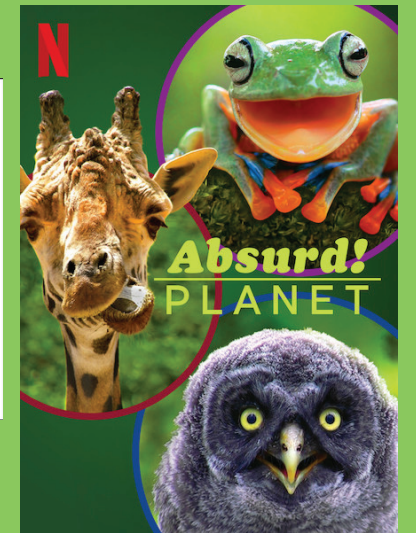
Netflix: Absurd Planet

Rated TV-PG

A cast of quirky critters and Mother Nature herself narrate this funny science series, which peeks into the lives of Earth's most incredible animals.



Stuck Inside?



LET'S PLAY A MATCHING GAME!

Match these plant or animal names to the drawings on the right, and then flip the page over to check your answers! How many did you get right? 0-2 = Couch Potato; 3-5 = Outdoor Explorer; 6-8 = Wild Child; 9 = Nature Superstar!

1. CATTAIL _____

2. NORTHERN HARRIER _____

3. LEOPARD FROG _____

4. YELLOW WARBLER _____

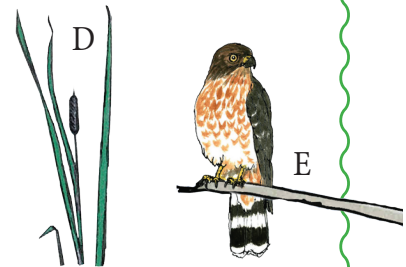
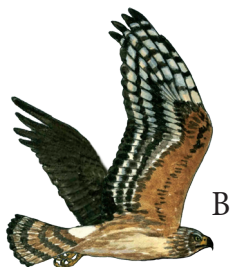
5. BROAD-WINGED HAWK _____

6. BEAVER _____

7. RUFFED GROUSE _____

8. POISON IVY _____

9. BOBOLINK _____



TILTKids SIGNATURE PRESERVE CHALLENGE

Zenda Farms Preserve MacFarlane Trail

- Find a seat made of stones and a seat that swings!
- Count 4 different birds that you see or hear along the trail
- Run around the barns and see if you can find a spider web!

Otter Creek Preserve & Nature Trail

- Climb up the tower and cross the bridge!
- Turn over a rock or look under a log - see what you can uncover!
- Find a bright red leaf

Foster-Blake Woods Preserve

- Find two differently-shaped pinecones
- Sit on the bench - close your eyes and write down what sounds you hear
- Look for a tree with a hole - what do you think made it and who might live there?

Crooked Creek Preserve Macsherry Trail

- Find a tree with three trunks!
- Spot a frog by a pool of water
- Look over the creek and spot the beaver lodge!

What other trails do you want to explore?



SCAN FOR DIRECTIONS



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TILT Kids



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