

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

BOOKS

The Forest Where Ashley Lives by Mark A. Vitosh and Ashley L. Vitosh. (Ames, IA: Iowa State University Extension, 2000.) This illustrated book is written from the perspective of a seven-year-old. It describes urban forests and contains lots of “Did you know?” facts about trees and forests.

Secret Place by Eve Bunting. (New York: Clarion Books, 1996.) This is the story of a secret place in a city and the animals that live there.

City Science by Peggy K. Perdue and Diane A. Vaszily. (Good Year Books, 1991.) This activity book uses the idea that nature, and therefore science, is right outside, not someplace that students have to travel to in order to see it. It is divided into sections: earth science, environmental science, life science, physical science, and survey science.

Urban Roosts Where Birds Nest in the City by Barbara Bash (New York: Little, Brown and Company, 1990.) This illustrated book describes where different birds roost in cities and explains why.

Urban Wildlife by Sarah B. Landry (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1994.) A Peterson Field Guide that covers the most likely animals, insects, and plants found in urban areas.

Nature in the Neighborhood by Gordon Morrison. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004.) This book is a yearlong description of the plants and animals in a neighborhood. In addition to the seasonal story, specific information about the lives and habits of plants and animals is included.

Take A City Nature Walk by Jane Kirkland. (Lionville, PA: Stillwater Publishing, 2005.) This book encourages us to get outside and observe. There are pictures and examples of student work in every section. It suggests activities to do to find and enjoy nature in the city.

Greening School Grounds – Creating Habitats for Learning by Tim Grant and Gail Littlejohn. (Green Teacher Magazine, 2001.) This book uses case studies to show how to start and maintain green school grounds. It describes how green school grounds can benefit student learning.

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VIDEOS

Life Habitats: What's in Your Backyard?

(St. Louis: Missouri Botanical Garden, 1995.)

This video is part of a series; each video in the series has written support materials.

This video examines the kinds of habitats and animals that you might find in a backyard based on food, water, shelter, and space.

Life Habitats: Life in the City Habitat

(St. Louis: Missouri Botanical Garden, 1995.)

This video is part of a series; each video in the series has written support materials. This video examines the kinds of habitats and animals that you might find in a downtown city area, industrial area, or residential area based on food, water, shelter, and space.

From Sidewalks to Treetops by Maria L. Caban (Girl Scouts, 2003.) This video and accompanying guide are designed to help a group explore an urban environment. It is presented in clear steps with helpful hints for inexperienced leaders. It stresses team building and observation skills.

WEBSITES

www.birds.cornell.edu/programs/urbanbirds/index.html

This is an urban bird studies website by Cornell University. Information is included about surveys students can get involved in and the birds that live in cities.

www.treelink.org

This website is the national urban forestry portal. Find a wide variety of information, resources and links about urban forestry.

<http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/>

This is Wisconsin's emerald ash borer portal. Find the latest information on what is happening with this invasive species.