

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. Although it is below the 9th through 12th grade level, the background information it gives can be valuable to older students.

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.

Discover Nature Around the House - Things to Know and Things to Do by Elizabeth P. Lawlor. (Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2003.) This book gives information about the lives and habits of animals and plants found in and around our homes. It encourages exploration and gives activities that can be done to learn more.

City Wilds edited by Terrell F. Dixon. (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 2002.) This book is a collection of essays and stories about urban nature.

VIDEOS

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.

The City and the Environment (Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 1995.) This video gives information on the infrastructure, transportation, and green space of cities. It addresses how each works and the challenges in maintaining them.

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WEBSITES

www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/urban.html

This website from University of Washington has research documents focusing on human dimensions of urban forests. Benefits derived from urban forests are emphasized.

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.lhhl.uiuc.edu/

This is the website of the Landscape and Human Health Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It includes research and information on the impacts of urban forests and green space on the people in urban areas.

www.na.fs.fed.us/urban/treespayusback/index.shtm

This U.S. Forest Service website contains information about the benefits that trees and urban forests provide. A downloadable version of *The Midwest Community Tree Guide: Benefits, Costs, and Strategic Planting* is available from this website. The guide contains valuable and easy-to-understand information. The guide can be downloaded from the “Trees Pay Us Back Vol. 1” section of the website.

www.americanforests.org/productsandpubs/citygreen/school.php

CityGreen is part of American Forests. This website contains lesson plans and information about purchasing the CityGreen software which uses GIS technology to teach students about the value of the benefits of urban forests.

www.treesaregood.com

This website has information about tree care and management techniques as well as other information about trees.

www.talesfromurbanforests.org/

This website from American Forests and the U.S. Forest Service has sound bites about how trees and urban forests benefit us.

www.treemusketeers.org

Tree Musketeers is a youth-run organization. Their website has information on their programs, the “How To” resources they have to get kids involved with stewardship activities, links to purchase stewardship books, and much more.

www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter

The Center for Land Use Education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point maintains this website. It contains information on land use issues, educational materials, and more land use related resources.

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.