



## Collections from Nature Lessons

### Books

#### General Recommendations

##### **Backyard (One Small Square)**

By Donald M. Silver; illustrated by Patricia Wynne. (1993, W H Freeman and Co.)

An interesting approach to depicting the wealth of science and life in children's own backyards. Shows children how to study their surroundings as a scientist would.

##### **Backyard Pets: Activities for Exploring Wildlife Close to Home**

By Carol A. Amoto; illustrated by Cheryl Kirk Noll. (2002, John Wiley & Sons)

Lots of information about animals and insects that live in your backyard. What do toads eat? Why do crickets sing? How do you attract birds? Written by a nature science educator and language-learning specialist.

##### **Let's Go Rock Collecting (Let's Read and Find Out)**

By Roma Gans; illustrated by Holly Keller. (1997, Harper Collins)

Describes the formation and characteristics of rocks, and how to collect and identify them, as it follows two child rock collectors around the globe.

##### **Natural Objects (Cool Collections)**

By Mir Tamim Ansary. (1997, Rigby Education)

This is a beautiful book with photographs of a variety of nature collections, including rocks, shells, bones, feathers, leaves, flowers, and seed cones. It offers tips for collecting, organizing, and displaying various collections of natural objects. A good reference and source of ideas for the study.

##### **Seashells by the Seashore (Sharing Nature with Children)**

By Marianne Collins Berkes; illustrated by Robert Noreiken. (2002, Dawn Publications)

A rhyming book about a young girl's search along the beach to collect seashells for her grandmother. An enjoyable book for children with clear information about the shells the girl collects.



### **Why Do Leaves Change Color? (Lets-Read-and-Find-Out)**

By Betsy Maestro; illustrated by Loretta Krupinski. (1994, Harper Trophy)

An informative book with detailed pictures of leaves and simple instructions for making leaf rubbings and pressings.

### **Field Guides and Reference Books**

There are a number of series for children that might have a reference book or field guide about your class's collection. You might want to investigate the following series:

**DK Handbooks** (Dorling Kindersley)

**Eyewitness Books** (Dorling Kindersley)

**Eyewitness Explorers** (Dorling Kindersley)

**National Audubon Society First Field Guides** (Scholastic Trade)

**Peterson First Guides** (Houghton Mifflin)