



Living Things Lessons

Websites

[Brine Shrimp in the Great Salt Lake](#)

An excellent, illustrated article about the ecology and life history of brine shrimp from the Great Salt Lake.

(<http://ut.water.usgs.gov/greatsaltlake/shrimp/>)

[Project Feeder Watch](#)

Project Feeder Watch provides an opportunity for your class to submit observations about the birds that visit your class feeder from November through April. By joining (\$15 fee), you will receive an instruction booklet, a handbook, a subscription to the newsletter, a colorful wall calendar, a bird identification poster, and more.

(<http://feederwatch.org/>)

[ARKive Education](#)

ARKive's free fun-packed teaching resources cover a range of key science and biology subjects including: adaptation, food chains, Darwin and natural selection, classification, identification, conservation and biodiversity.

(<http://www.arkive.org/education/resources>)

[WildEarth.TV ... it's in your nature](#)

In this website you will find several 'windows' into our wild and beautiful earth. Safari.tv takes you on a LIVE presenter led safari at Djuma in South Africa twice per day. PixController provides you with a glimpse into the wild Pennsylvanian woods. Hancock Wildlife Foundation are experts at sharing wild Canadian wildlife like bald eagles, salmon and even bears. HornbyEagles.com curate one of the world's most famous and popular wildlife webcams watching a pair of bald eagles near Vancouver Island. Operation Migration are an amazing group of people that are busy saving the endangered whooping crane, watch them LIVE as they migrate across America. whooping crane, watch them LIVE as they migrate across America.

(<http://www.wildearth.tv/home>)

[Faunapolis | Can't we all just get along?](#)

Faunapolis is a place where you can share interesting photos and stories about animals that live in this new kind of jungle we call town, city, or even backyard. If you have a photo of an animal and need to find its species, this is the place to post that picture and get help. These creatures



are learning to live with us, and new symbiotic relations between them and us are creating an entirely different ecosystem. Will we ever be able to coexist?
(<http://faunapolis.org/>)

[Endangered Ecosystems: Build a Food Web](#)

In this activity, children will investigate some of the animals in the Mexican ecosystem. Figure out who are the predators and who are their prey and build your own food web. At the end of this activity, children can print a Food Web Certificate of Achievement!
(http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/explorer/ecosystems/be_an_explorer/map/form_wild_cats.htm)

[Animal Games for Kids – Kids Corner](#)

A great child-friendly website that offers a variety of animal games to reinforce what children have learned in the classroom. Game topics include: animal classification, producers and consumers, food chain, animal diet, endangered animals, and animal characteristics.
(<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/content/animals/kidscorner/gamesforkids.htm>)

[Search for Your Favorite Animals — National Geographic Kids](#)

Children can click on a photograph of a variety of different animals to learn about a particular animal through fact sheets, videos, images, and maps. They even have the option of printing a collectors card with a picture and facts about the selected organism.
(<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature>)

[Animal Videos, Photos, Facts –National Geographic Kids](#)

This website offers numerous photographs, videos, and background information on a wide range of animals. Animals & Nature Stories — National Geographic Kids
(<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/...>) Children and teachers can use this website to read stories about a variety of interesting animals.
(<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals>)

[National Geographic: CritterCam and WildCam](#)

National Geographic's Crittercam is a research tool designed to be worn by wild animals. It combines video and audio recording with collection of environmental data such as depth, temperature, and acceleration. National Geographic's WildCam program is a conservation initiative that uses the Internet to connect people to Earth's last remaining wild places. Using streaming video technology, WildCam Africa brings viewers from all over the world to the remote Pete's Pond in Botswana where animals go about their daily lives. And because it's live, you never know what may happen next!
(<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/crittercam-wildcam/>)



[Animal Database By KidsBiology.com](http://www.kidsbiology.com/animals-for-children.php)

Learn about hundreds of different animals offered on this website.
(<http://www.kidsbiology.com/animals-for-children.php>)

[World Wildlife Fund](http://www.worldwildlife.org/how/fun/index.html)

This website includes animal games, free E-cards, wallpaper, and photos.
(<http://www.worldwildlife.org/how/fun/index.html>)

[Animal Diversity Web](http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/index.html)

Browse this website to learn more about each Animal kingdom. Subtopics include background information, pictures, specimens, sounds, and classification.
(<http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/index.html>)

[Welcome to ZipcodeZoo](http://zipcodezoo.com/)

ZipcodeZoo works to bring the natural world to armchair, amateur, and professional naturalists who want to learn more about the plants and animals in their local environment.
(<http://zipcodezoo.com/>)

[FETCH! Link-O-Vision](http://pbskids.org/fetch/games/linkovision/game.html)

In this fun, interactive game, children are given clues about different animals and have to decide which clues match which animal. May be too advanced for younger children, depending on reading level, but it can be a teacher directed game.
(<http://pbskids.org/fetch/games/linkovision/game.html>)



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Books

Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?

By Lindsay Barrett George. (1996, Greenwillow Books)

A story about two siblings who follow a path along a pond and find clues left by unseen animals. For each animal, one page describes the clue and asks "Who's been here?" while the facing page presents the information in visual form. The follow-up double-page spread reveals the animal in a full-color illustration.

How Do You Know It's Spring?

By Allan Fowler. (1991, Children's Press)

A clear description of what happens out-of-doors when it is spring; illustrated with color photos.

In the Woods: Who's Been Here?

By Lindsay Barrett George. (1998, Greenwillow Books)

A story about two siblings (the same as in *Around the Pond*) who take a fall walk through the woods near their house. They find an empty nest, a cocoon, gnawed bark, and other signs of unseen animals and their activities. Like *Around the Pond*, one page describes the clue and asks "Who's been here?" while the facing page presents the information in visual form. The follow-up double-page spread reveals the animal in a full-color painting.

One Small Square

By Donald M. Silver and Patricia Wynne. (1995-1999, McGraw-Hill)

This is a series of books that examine a particular habitat, including Backyard, Cactus Desert, Pond, Seashore, Swamp, and Woods. Written for ages 6-9, each book includes full-color illustrations of the habitat and its creatures, a glossary and index, activities, and resources.

What's Under the Log?

By Anne Hunter. (1999, Sandpiper)



A pocket-sized guide with descriptions of the various kinds of life you might find under a log or in leaf litter. The illustrations are not to scale, but accurate sizes are given.