



# Neighborhood Naturalists



**Target Audience:** Education: Grade(s): K5 – 5<sup>th</sup>

**Primary Disciplines:** Science

**Program Description:** Neighborhood Naturalists will introduce the many ways you can explore nature, even in your own neighborhood! During this program, we will discuss common urban animals, ways to build a backyard habitat, and even meet some local education animal ambassadors.

## Program Format:

1. Definition of “Naturalist”
2. Introduction to Tools and Techniques for Naturalists
3. Discussion of Common Urban Animals
4. Examples of Backyard Habitats
5. Encounter with animal ambassadors

## Objectives:

Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Define ‘Naturalist’
2. List at least three species of animals who can easily be found in urban environments
3. Discuss why it can be helpful to build a backyard habitat

## Vocabulary:

1. Naturalist: a person who studies nature, especially how plants and animals live in nature.
2. Urban Environment: places with many people and buildings, like cities
3. Habitat: a place where an animal lives

**Duration:** 30 minutes

## Standards Alignment:

NS.K-4.3 LIFE SCIENCE

As a result of activities in grades K-4, all students should develop understanding of:

- The characteristics of organisms
- Life cycles of organisms
- Organisms and environments

## NS.5-8.3 LIFE SCIENCE

As a result of their activities in grades 5-8, all students should develop understanding of:

- Structure and function in living systems
- Reproduction and heredity
- Regulation and behavior
- Populations and ecosystems
- Diversity and adaptations of organisms

**Pre/Post Activity:** Backyard Bingo

