

Welcome to the Story & STEAM Lab!

Welcome back, young scientists!

One of the big things scientists do is look, look, and look at the world around them. This leads to questions like, How do animals hide plain sight? Or, Why do leaves turn colors in the fall? Or, Why do zebras have stripes? Why do worms come out when it rains?

Sometimes, it's just fun to walk through a field, in the backyard or down the road and listen and look at nature around us.

What is that I hear and see?

The tweet and call of birds in a tree?

The crinkle of dead leaves under my feet? Or maybe the squish of mud!

Are those buds on the branches, I see?

What about the whistle of wind, the vroom of cars, the echo of footsteps, the scamper of a squirrel in the bushes?

Today, we're going to explore the sounds of spring and the animals we might see. Even if there still is a little bit of snow!

Let's start by listening to stories about spring!



Sounds of Spring



Cinnamon & the April Shower
on Tumble Books

[Sign into our catalogue](#) with your card number and password, scroll down and click on TumbleBooks, type into the search bar: Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg and view video. (Tip: if you'd rather read it then turn off the volume!)



Mouse's First Spring
by Lauren Thompson

[Read aloud on YouTube.](#)



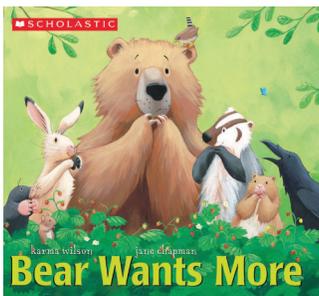
When Spring Comes
by Kevin Henkes

[Read aloud on YouTube](#)



Little Blue Truck's Springtime
by Alice Schertle

[Read aloud on YouTube](#)



Bear Wants More on Kanopy. [Visit the library website.](#) Sign into Kanopy with your library card and create an account. Go to Kids Kanopy. Search the book title in the search bar at the top. Click on it to view.

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Nature Collage



MATERIALS:

1. Plastic bag to collect samples: twigs, leaves, moss, whatever you find that is interesting!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Take a walk in the backyard, a field, the neighborhood, or the woods and collect interesting samples of nature.

2. At home, glue or tape the items into any design you want: a stick figure, a design, your name...etc.

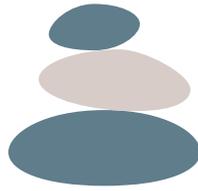


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Nature Scavenger Hunt



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rocks



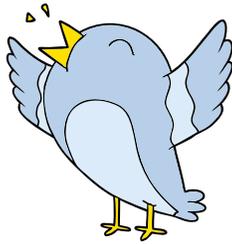
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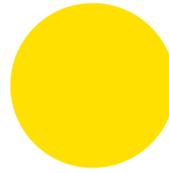
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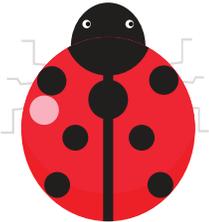
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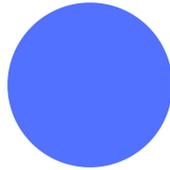
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stick



bug



something
blue



pine cone



flower



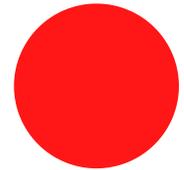
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worm



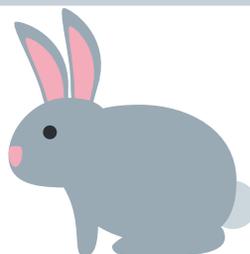
something
red



squirrel



stump



bunny



mud

What do you hear?



dog



wind



car



bug



bird



squirrel



kids

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Thanks so much for joining us for the Story & STEAM Lab library program!

We hope you had fun listening to the stories and then doing the activities.

The Scavenger Hunts were inspired by:
MyTuesdayTherapy.com.

We'd love your feedback on this new program. If you'd like, take a picture with your experiment, alone or as a family, and email them to Miss Laura. With your permission, she'd love to post them to our website!

See you next time!

