

# Wild Kratts Wildlife Journal

Keeping a wildlife journal is a great way to build both observation and writing skills. You don't have to go far – you'd be surprised what is going on just outside your front door!

## Directions:

### Creating the Journal:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half so that you create a booklet.
2. Bind the pages of your book by punching holes along the left side and tying them together with ribbon or string. Or unfold the booklet and then staple along the fold.
3. Have your child customize the journal by creating an illustration on the cover.

### Using the Journal:

1. Write the day's date on the top of the first page.
2. Go outside with your child and walk in your yard, along your street, or in a nearby park and take notice of what you see.

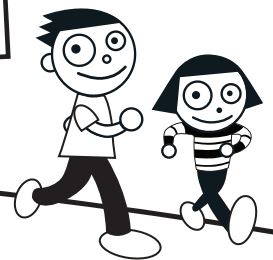
Ask your child questions to prompt their attention:

- Do you see any animals? Birds? Insects?
  - Where are they living?
  - What are they doing?
  - How many are there?
  - What time of day is it?
3. Write down notes or sketch pictures in your journal, so that you have a record of the things you saw on your walk.
  4. In the future you can take notes again in a similar way.
  5. After a few entries, take a look back and talk to your child about the things you saw. How were things different each time? What was the same?



## Materials:

- Several sheets of unlined paper
- Hole punch or stapler for binding
- Ribbon or string to bind
- Markers, pencils or crayons



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