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Are you ready for the dirt?



I SPY!

Bird watching is great fun and such a simple thing to do. What's more, birds can be found almost anywhere.

Use this checklist to spy the following:

- A brown bird
- A colorful bird
- A tiny bird
- A flying bird
- A bird's nest
- A bird in a tree
- A bird catching a worm
- A feather
- A bird with spots
- A bird with long tail feathers

When you're done, talk about your results. What was the easiest to find? The hardest?

Summer is a time of growth. Young animals are hungry, and there is plenty of food for them to eat. Deer enjoy fresh green grass, and ducks find weeds, small seeds, and insects in the waters of lakes and ponds. Frogs stick their tongues out to catch and eat insects, worms, and snails.

Hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees sip nectar. Pollen is collected and passed from flower to flower in preparation for seed production. The wind blows ever so slightly to help in the pollination process.

Trees enjoy the abundance of light and grow rapidly. Their branches grow longer, and their leaves mature. Under the earth, roots are reaching out through the soil to collect the nutrients and water they need.

Gardens are lush and produce nutritious vegetables. Flowers are in full, beautiful bloom. And everyone enjoys the wonderful summer weather.

Sun Tea

Fill a one gallon jug with water. Add one cup of honey or sugar and two handfuls of spearmint, lemon verbena or peppermint leaves, or a combination of all of these. Put in 4 regular tea bags. Let the jug sit in the sun all day long. By dinner time your tea will be ready to drink. Stir it, strain it, and add ice cubes. ENJOY!!!

DID YOU KNOW...



Early pioneers often used corn as money. They paid the blacksmith with corn ears or cornmeal, and also paid their rent or taxes with it.

Butterfly Gardening



Butterflies help out in the garden by pollinating plants as they travel from flower to flower. In a sunny spot in the garden you can create a special place where they can enjoy themselves. Plant flowers that produce lots of sweet nectar for them to eat. Flowers with purple, yellow, or orange blossoms attract them.

Flowers with short petals or flat tops make it easy for them to land and feed easily. Place large flat stones in the garden because butterflies like to sit and bask in the sun. Make sure there is a shallow water dish (a pot saucer is a good item) for them to drink from.

Butterflies lay eggs that hatch into caterpillars. When the caterpillars are fully grown, they make a chrysalis (cocoon), go to sleep inside it, and emerge again as butterflies. Butterfly mothers are very choosy about where they lay their eggs. They want to be sure the little caterpillars will be able to eat the plant the eggs hatch on. Plant parsley, carrots, dill, and beans for the larvae (caterpillars) to eat. These are called host plants.

Visit our website for a complete listing of plants that attract butterflies.

Find a garden where flowers are in bloom and spend time observing the butterflies. Look for these behaviors

***Feeding:** A butterfly uses its proboscis, which acts like a straw, when drinking from flowers.

***Sunning:** Butterflies must maintain a certain body temperature before they can fly. If a day is chilly, you might see a butterfly soaking up the heat to warm itself.

***Flying:** Butterflies are excellent flyers. Without flowers to sustain them, they could not complete their migration.

Butterfly Perennial

FREE

Start your very own butterfly garden!!!

Kids under 12 receive any perennial on our butterfly list - a \$15.00 value

Bring this coupon in with you!!!

While supplies last One coupon per child

Offer Expires July 5th, 2010

WORDS TO KNOW

Butterfly: Butterfly is an insect. All insects have three body parts and six legs.

Full Sun: all day sun. Many vegetables and flowers need at least half a day (6 hours of sun)

Pollen: yellow, powdery grains produced male spores of a plant. Are you allergic to pollen?

Recycle, Reuse

Have you or someone you know been to Agway lately to purchase perennials??? If you have, you can return your Scenic Roots Pots to us and receive \$.10 for every pot you give back to us.

By helping us recycle the pots you help the environment by not letting the plastic go to the landfill.

