

## Habitat in a Backpack



Designed for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, Habitat in a Backpack is an interactive set of activities that helps students learn about the habitats around them. It includes instructions for six different activities that engage students in learning about the habitat around them. The activities are easy to do, and the supplies are included in the backpack. Activities can be completed in any available greenspace. Greenspaces can be found at your school, sites within walking distance, BCCD sites, other parks or at home.

Each activity takes 15 – 20 minutes, so you can do one or all six as your time allows. Several are easily sent home, so parents could also be involved. Older students could get involved as well, acting as mentors to help guide the younger students in completing the activities and collecting data.

Activities include:

- Animals in the Soil – Sidewalk Field Trip
- Do You Hear What I Hear – Creating a Sound Map
- Birdwatching ID Activity
- Habitat Scavenger Hunt
- 100 Inch Hike
- Nature Quest Game



**The activities included support the following NGS Standards:**

- 3-LS3-2** Use evidence to support the explanation that traits can be influenced by the environment.
- 3-LS4-3** Construct an argument with evidence that in a particular habitat some organisms survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.

*Disciplinary Core Ideas*

**LS2.C:** Ecosystem Dynamics

**LS4.C:** Adaptation

**LS4.D:** Biodiversity and Humans

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