

GET OUTSIDE BINGO

Venture outside with this bingo card and see what you can find. If you are a true nature sleuth and complete a bingo right away, try to fill the entire card over a weekend. Look but don't disturb animals, specifically the young who are new to the world.

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Find scat from a carnivore/meat-eater.	Find hair, fur, feathers, or skin from an animal.	Find a rock that contains fossilized life.	Find signs of an herbivore/plant-eater.	What animal leaves tracks with claw marks?
Find a nest for a bird or small mammal.	Find scat from an herbivore/plant-eater.	Listen for a bird song.	Find tracks left by an animal that hops.	Observe an animal that lives in water.
Find droppings or tracks of a bird.	Find leaves from 1 deciduous tree and 1 evergreen tree.	Make the tracks of a large animal.	Find evidence of insect activity on land or in water.	Look for tracks in a muddy area.
What animal leaves tracks with hooves?	Find a hole that may belong to a small animal.	Observe an animal that flies.	Find a game trail or area disturbed by an animal.	Find a place where a nut or seed eating animal ate.
Find a decomposer.	Identify a smell made by an animal.	Observe eggs or young animals.	Identify a sound made by an insect or amphibian.	Find tracks left by a walking or running animal.

GIVE ME FIVE

If you want to identify some of the living things you found during bingo but don't have a bunch of plant and animal books laying around, there is an app for that. Download the iNaturalist app (www.inaturalist.org) to your smart phone or tablet and begin photographing what's living in your corner of the world. In addition to learning more about plants and animals, you can share the photos and locations with a community of scientists who are figuring out where exactly these plants and animals live.

See if you can identify five new plants and five animals in a yard, field, or park. Remember, insects are animals too and can often be found in streams, under rocks, and in logs if you can't find any flying around.

