

Nature Creatures

Duration: 30 min – 1 hour

Suggested Age: 4 – 12

Supplies:

- Tape
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Tissue paper
- Googly eyes
- Recycled materials: toilet paper rolls, water bottles, plastic, etc.
- Natural materials found around your house! Pinecones, flowers, leaves, sticks, acorns, etc.

Steps:

- Collect your supplies! Go for a walk outside to collect natural materials.
- Create a body for your creature using a paper towel or toilet paper roll
- Stabilize your creature. How can you work to balance weight to make them stand up?
- Decorate your creature using any craft supplies you have at home or natural materials you have found. Does your creature need eyes, hair, legs, and arms?
- Give your creature a name and a story! Where did they come from? Do they have any friends?



Explore Further:

- Can you make your creature look like an animal? Think about what animals we have in our Backyard Ecology Hall.
- Animals adapt and develop characteristics that help them better live their lives.
- Some adaptations are used to defend and protect against other animals, like a lizard's camouflage or a hedgehog's quills. How will your creature protect themselves?

Definitions:

- Camouflage: An animal's natural coloring or form that enables it to blend in with its surroundings
- Adaptation: A change or the process of change by which an organism or species becomes better suited to its environment.