

WONDERING & WRITING ABOUT NATURE

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WEBSITES

Advice from Nature - www.YourTrueNature.com
American Heroes biographies in song - www.jonsprout.com
Animal printouts - www.EnchantedLearning.com
Aston/Long Teacher Guides - www.chroniclebooks.com
Authors for Earth Day blog - www.authorsforearthday.org
Fiction/Nonfiction lesson plans - www.readwritethink.org
JJ Audubon lesson plan at Library of Congress - www.loc.gov
Network to connect children with nature - www.childrenandnature.org
Nature journal lesson plans - www.SmithsonianEducation.org, www.BeetlesProject.org
Postage stamps & lesson plans - www.postalhistoryfoundation.org
Sky Watcher Cloud Chart - weather.gov/media/owlie/skywatchers_chart.pdf
Visual Thinking Strategies - www.vtshome.org

NATURE AWARENESS

A Butterfly is Patient, An Egg is Quiet, A Nest is Noisy, A Rock is Lively, A Seed is Sleepy, A Beetle is Shy by Dianna Aston, illustrated by Sylvia Long
Are You a Ladybug? Backyard Books by Allen (ant, bee, butterfly, dragonfly, spider...)
Blue by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Blue on Blue by Dianne White
Color Me a Rhyme by Jane Yolen
Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer
Green by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
*****Little Arizona** by Barbara Gowan
*****Looking Closely** series: Across the Desert by Frank Serafini (also Along the Shore, Around the Pond, Inside the Garden, Into the Rainforest, Through the Forest)
One Small Square series by David M. Silver
Quiet by Tomie dePaola
What Color is Nature? by Steven Swinburne
Where Butterflies Grow by Joanne Ryder

FOR ADULTS

Last Child in the Woods –Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by R. Louv
Nature Principle - Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder by R. Louv
Reading Picture Books With Children - How to Shake Up Storytime and Get Kids Talking About What They See by Megan Dowd Lambert
Sense of Wonder by Rachel Carson
Sharing Nature with Children 1 & 2 by Joseph Cornell

NOTEWORTHY NATURALISTS

John James Audubon **The Boy Who Drew Birds** by Jacqueline Davies
Into the Woods - John James Audubon Lives His Dream by Robert Burleigh
Rachel Carson **Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World** by L. Lawlor
Frank Chapman **Counting Birds - the Idea that Helped Save Our Feathered Friends** (Audubon Bird Count) by Heidi Stemple
Anna Comstock **Out of School and Into Nature** by Suzanne Slade
Sylvia Earle **Life in the Ocean** by Claire Nivola
Gwen Frostic **Nature's Friend** by Lindsey McDivitt

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John Muir **John Muir America's First Environmentalist** by Kathryn Lasky

Roger Tory Peterson **For the Birds** by Peggy Thomas

Kate Sessions **The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever** by H.J. Hopkins

GEOLOGY

A Rock is Lively by Dianna Hutts Aston

Curious About Fossils by Kate Waters

*****Everybody Needs a Rock** by Byrd Baylor

*****If You Find a Rock** by Peggy Christian

The Rock by Peter Parnall

Sand to Stone and Back Again by Nancy Bo Flood

CLOUDS & WEATHER

Blue on Blue by Dianne White

Cloud Book by Tomie de Paola

Cloud Dance by Thomas Locker

Clouds by Marion Dane Bauer

Clouds by Erin Edison

Clouds - A Compare and Contrast Book by Katharine Hall

Hip, Hip, Hooray, It's Monsoon Day! by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford

*****It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles G. Shaw

Like a Windy Day by Frank Asch

Little Cloud by Eric Carle

Rain by Manya Stojic

Watersong by Tim McCanna

What Will the Weather Be? by Lynda DeWitt

EARTH DAY

Arnosky's Ark by Jim Arnosky

Earth Day Birthday by Pattie Schnetzler

Earthdance by Joanne Ryder

Every Living Thing by Joanne Ryder

"**Just for a Day**" series by Joanne Ryder

Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

***USED AS A MODEL FOR WRITING

Picture Book + Music = INSPIRATION for writing

Flight of the Bumblebee, Rimsky-Korsakov

Grand Canyon Suite (Sunrise, Painted Desert, On the Trail, Sunset, Cloudburst), Grofé

Ladybug, Ladybug song by Frank Leto

Waltz #1, Opus 18 in Eb Major by Chopin

"Do not be afraid to touch the earth and let it touch you."