

Schoolyard Safari — Activity #46



TEKS:

Science
(As of 2010-11 school year)
K.9 B
1.9 C
2.9 C
3.9 A
5.9 A

Resources:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/resources/publications/posters.phtml

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/texas_nature_trackers/

Texas Overview:

There is great diversity in the plants and animals that can be found in Texas and that diversity isn't just limited to designated wildlife areas. School areas also can be a great resource for students when it's time to learn about organisms and their environments. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Wildlife Poster is a great resource for students. Find it at: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/resources/publications/posters.phtml

After completing Schoolyard Safari in the Project Learning Tree guide, use **Texas Nature Trackers** to analyze the data your students have collected. The organization offers a variety of nature-monitoring projects that you and your students can help with. The Texas Nature Trackers projects listed below involve general skills of observation and note taking. That means you don't have to be a scientist to do them.

Texas Nature Trackers projects are geared to help Texans learn how to gather data about various species found on public lands or their own property. The data then is sent to biologists who use the information to develop a better understanding about the trends and management needs of various species in the state. For more information, go to:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_w700_0_0481.pdf.

Send students home with a note detailing the urban outdoor programs located in their area. Links to organizations in Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth and Central Texas can be found at: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/urban_outdoor_programs/. Urban outdoor specialists in these areas help youth groups discover the fun of outdoor recreation and encourage them to participate in conservation.

A data guide can be used to complete the PLT activity. This mini book has been used successfully for urban students in the third through fifth grades. Hint: Print on cardstock for durability and sturdiness.

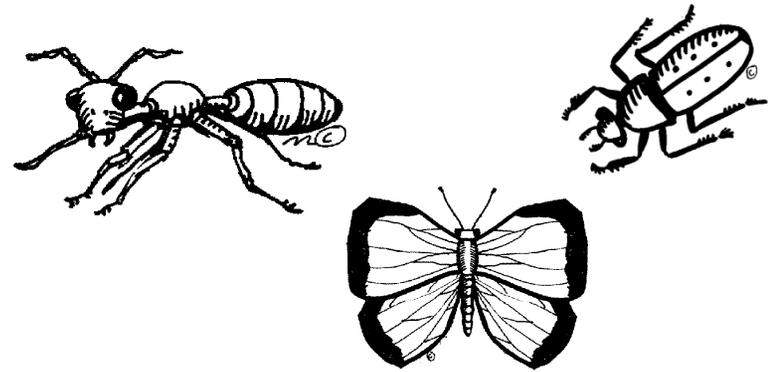
School Habitat Discovery Adventure

Draw a plant you
observed:

Describe your
plant:

Draw an animal you
observed:

Describe your
animal:



Name _____

Date _____

