

Trees as Habitats

Activity 10



Family and Friends: Things To Do Together

We are exploring the plants and animals that live in and on trees. Trees are great homes (habitats) for birds, insects, lichens, mammals, and mushrooms. Here are some activities you and your child can do together:

- Visit a park or nature center and look for animals living, hiding, and eating in trees.
- Look at trees in your neighborhood for signs of wildlife (e.g., holes, nests, scat, and nibbles).
- Watch a tree for several minutes. How many different animals can you find? Look for amphibians, birds, insects, mammals, reptiles, and spiders.
- Put out treats (e.g., birdseed) for animals.
- Make a flour “trap” to see if animals live near your home. On a smooth, flat board, deck, or off-the-beaten-path walkway, place a dusting of flour. Check for footprints the next morning.



Help build your child’s vocabulary by using some of these new words in your conversations:

We are reading the following books in class. Check them out from your library, and invite your child to share them with you.

