



Nature Journal

Materials List:

- journal or notebook
- pencil or pen
- string
- toilet paper tube or pinecone
- shortening
- bird seed

Observation 1:

1. If you don't have a spare notebook or journal, fold a few sheets of paper down the middle and staple along the middle to make your own.



2. Using string or some sticks, mark a space about the size of a basketball. Draw and take notes on every living or non-living thing inside of the space.



3. Be sure to title your observations and include information like date, weather and time. Then start drawing!



Observation 2

1. Use your journal to record changes over time. Find an interesting tree or bush and observe its buds or leaves as it grows.

2. Keep making observations over the next few weeks to see how the buds progress over time.

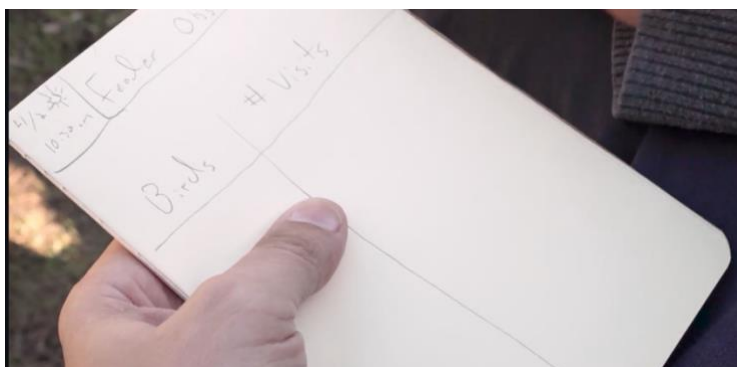


Observation 3:

1. Create a birdfeeder by covering a toilet paper tube (or pinecone) with shortening and bird seed.

2. Choose a spot to observe that's close enough to see the feeder, but not too close to scare away the birds.

3. Use your journal to record the types of animals that visit the feeder, and the number of times they visit, in a 30-minute period. You can repeat this observation at different times of day, or different times of the year!



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