

Explore Animals Around You



What do animals need to survive? Food, water, and a safe place to stay. Where can animals find all three in your neighborhood? Help your child find out with these two fun activities.

GO OUTSIDE

- Go to your backyard or a local park and have a race to find as many animal homes as you can in 15 minutes. (Remember, insects, such as bees and ants, are animals, and so are worms, spiders, and roly-poly bugs!) Visit each home together and **ask:** *Why might this animal choose this place as a home? How does the home meet the animal's needs?*
- Pigeons love cities and depend on humans for food and shelter. You and your child can pretend to be pigeons together! Walk on city sidewalks and look for how you could survive: *Where could you nest or find a place to sleep? Where can you find food? Water? A place to hide from hungry hawks?* Follow and observe a pigeon (or another bird) for clues. How does it interact with people and the things people build or make?



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When Animals Are Thirsty...

In this short video, Plum and the kids sing: "There's water, water hiding in a crevice or a nook. There's water, water hiding if you just know where to look!"

Outdoor Family Fun with Plum App

This app gets families outdoors exploring the world. Every day, the app offers five outdoor missions to get everyone thinking and talking about nature and the science that's all around us.

Plum's Creaturizer App

Create your own fantastic creatures, photograph them finding food, avoiding predators, and making their homes right in your neighborhood. (See Games.)

READ

Trout Are Made of Trees by April Pulley Sayre (ages 4–8) A story about how plants and animals are connected in the food web.

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins (ages 4–7) Want to know which are the largest, slowest, longest, and fastest animals? Find out!



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