**Nature Play booklist**

**Picture Books**

*A Way with Wild Things* by Larissa Theule (2020)

*Am I a Frog?* by Lizzy Rockwell (2022) ER Yellow

*As Strong as the* *River* by Sarah Noble (2020)

*Bear Came Along* by Richard Morris (2022)

*Blue Floats Awa,* by Travis Jonker *(2021)*

*Building* by Henry Cole (2022)

*Busy Spring: Nature Wakes Up* by Sean Taylor (2021)

*Can a Spider Be Fluffy?* by Audrey Sauble

*Emile and the Field* by Kevin Young (2022)

*Follow Me, Little Fox: A Journey Back to Nature* by Camila Correa (2019)

*Hiking Day* by Anne Rockwell (2018)

*Hello, Rain!* by Kyo Maclear *(2021)*

*How Big is Your Paw?* by Kristin J. Russo (2021)

*How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside* by Kari Percival (2022)

*I Like the Rain* by Sarah Nelson (2021)

*Lawrence in the Fall* by Matthew Farina (2019)

*Let’s Go Outside!* by Ben Lerwill (2022)

*Look Again: Secrets of Animal Camouflage* by Steve Jenkins (2019)

*Look and* *Listen* by Dianne White (2022)

*Maisy Goes on a Nature Walk* by Lucy Cousins (2022)

*Mama Dug a Little Den* by Jennifer Ward (2018)

*My Forest is Green* by Darren Lebeuf (2019)

*My Ocean is Blue* by Darren Lebeuf (2020)

*Nesting* by Henry Cole (2020)

*Now You See Me, Now You Don’t* byPatricia Hegarty (2020)

*On Eagle Cove* by Jane Yolen (2020)

*Once Upon a Winter Day* by Liza Woodruff (2020)

*One Tiny Treefrog: A Countdown to Survival* by Tony Piedra & Mackenzie Joy (2023)

*Outside In* by Deborah Underwood (2020)

*Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner (2017)

\*Series also includes *Over and Under the Canyon, Over and Under the Rainforest, Over and Under the Snow,* and *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*

*Rainy Days* by Deborah Kerbel (2022)

*Raven, Rabbit, Deer* by Sue Farrell Holler (2020)

*Step by Ste,* by Loreen Leedy (2018)

*Summer Song*,by Kevin Henkes (2020)

\*Series also includes *In the Middle of Fall, Winter is Here,* and *When Spring Comes*

*Taking Time* by Jo Loring-Fisher (2020)

*Ten Little Squirrels* by Bill Martin Jr. (2022)

*The Collectors* by Alic Feagan (2021)

*The Hidden Rainbow* by Christie Matheson (2020)

*The Hike* by Alison Farrell (2019)

*The Hiking Viking* by Laura Gehl (2022)

*The Keeper of Wild Words* by Brooke Smith (2020)

*The Lost Little Bird* by David McPhail (2021)

*The Nature Girls* by Aki (2019)

*The Nest That Wren Built* by Randi Sonenshine (2020)

*The Weather Girls* by Aki (2018)

*The Wind and the Trees* by Todd Stewart (2021)

*Trees* by Tony Jonston (2021)

*What John Marco Saws* by Annie Barrows (2019)

*When Winter Comes: Discovering Wildlife in Our Snowy Woods* by Aimee M. Bissonette (2020)

*Winter Lullaby* by Dianne White (2021)

*Winter Sleep: A Hibernation Story* by Sean Taylor (2019)

*Wonder Walkers* by Micha Archer (2021)

*Would You Come Too?* by Liz Garton Scanlon (2022)

**Child Non-Fiction**

*A Seed Grows* by Antoinette Portis (2022) 575.68 Portis

*Backyard Adventure* by Amanda Thomsen (2019) 796.5083 Thomsen

*Bella Loves Bugs* by Jess French (2022) 595.7 French

*Bird Builds a Nest* by Martin Jenkins *(2018)* 531.6 Jenkins

*Bird Watch* by Storey Publishing (2020) 598.072 Bird Wa

*Bug Hunt* by Storey Publishing (2021) 595.7076 Bug Hun

*Bugs: Little Kids First Nature Guide* by Alli Brydon (2022) 595.7 Brydon

*Butterflies are Pretty Gross!* by Rosemary Mosco (2021) 595.789 Mosco

*Contrary Creatures* by James Weinberg (2019) 591.5 Weinber

*Exploring Nature Activity Book for Kids* by Kim Andrews (2019) 508 Andrews

*Flowers Are Pretty…Weird!* by Rosemary Mosco (2022) 582.13 Mosco

Full of Fall by April Pulley Sayre (2017) 508.2 Sayre

\*Series also includes *Best in Snow* and *Bloom, Boom!*

*Fur, Feather, Fin: All of Us Are Kin* by Diane Lang (2018) 590.2 Lang

*Good Trick, Walking Stick!* by Sheri Mary Bestor (2016) 595.129

*Hello Autumn!* by Shelley Rotner (2017) 508.2 Rotner

\*Series also includes *Hello* *Spring!, Hello* *Summer!,* and *Hello Winter!*

*Hello, Puddle!* by Anita Sanchez (2022) 577.6 Sanchez

*Let’s Play Outdoors! Exploring Nature for Children,* by Catherine Ard (2020) 796.083 Ard

*Life-Sized Animal Tracks* by John Townsend (2018) 591.479 Townsen

*Look What I Found at the Beach* by Moira Butterfield (2022)577.51 Butterf

*Look What I found in the Woods* by Moira Butterfield (2021) 591.734 Butterf

*My Big Book of Outdoors* by Tim Hopgood (2022) 508 Hopgood

*On the Nature Trail* by Kathleen Yale (2018) 508 Yale

*Outside, You Notice* by Erin Alladin (2021) 508 Alladin

*Spiders* by Gail Gibbons (2020)595.44 Gibbons

*Science Play* by Susan Edwards Richmond (2022) 507.8 Edwards

*The Children’s Book of Birdwatching* by Dan Rouse (2023) 598.072 Rouse

*The Nature Adventure Book* by Katie Taylor (2021) 796.5 Taylor

*Tree Hole Homes: Daytime Dens and Nighttime Nooks* by Melissa Stewart (2022) 591.564 Stewart

*The Squirrels’ Busy Year* by Martin Jenkins (2018) 508.2 Jenkins

*Wait—and* *See* by Helen Frost (2022) 595.7 Frost

*What’s in Your Pocket?* by Heather L. Montgomery (2021) 509.092 Montgom

**Board Books**

*100 First Words: Nature* by Edward Underwood (2022)

*How Does a Caterpillar Change? Life Cycles with The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (2022)

*\**Series also includes *How Does a Seed Sprout? How Does a Tadpole Grow?* and *How Does an Egg*  *Hatch?*

*Spring Babies* by Kathryn Osebold Galbraith (2019)

\*Series also includes *Summer Babies, Autumn Babies*, and *Winter Babies*

*Who’s Hiding on the River?* by Katharine McEwen (2020)

**Adult Non-Fiction**

*Balanced and Barefoot* by Angela J. Hanscom(2016) 306.481 Hanscom

*Last Child in the Woods b*y Richard Louv(2008)155.418 Louv

*Lisa Murphy on Being Child Centered* by Lisa Murphy (2020) 372.21 Murphy(chapter 2)

*Urban Forest School: Outdoor Adventures and Skills for City Kids* by Naomi Walmsley (2021) 745.5 Walmsle

**Online Resources**

*10 Tips for Finding Nature to Bring into Your Classroom*

<https://naeyc.org/resources/blog/10-tips-nature-classroom>

*40 Astounding Benefits of Outdoor Nature Play for Kids*

<https://parentswithconfidence.com/40-astounding-benefits-outdoor-nature-play-kids/>

*Early Childhood Environmental Education Study*

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1747938X19305561>

Life Cycle of a Frog—Free printable

<https://cms-tc.pbskids.org/parents/RTL_Kratts_Frog_Final.pdf>

*Nature Deficit Disorder is Real: Kids Need to Spend More Time Outdoors*

<https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/the-buzz/why-kids-need-to-spend-time-in-nature>

Nature Scavenger Hunts—Free printables

<https://www.stayathomemum.com.au/printables/nature-scavenger-hunt-free-printable/>

[Shttps://mumslittleexplorers.com/scavenger-hunt-lists-for-kids/](https://mumslittleexplorers.com/scavenger-hunt-lists-for-kids/)

<https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/outdoor-scavenger-hunt-list-coloring-page/>

Parts of a Tree –Free Printable

<https://www.prekinders.com/parts-tree-picture-word-cards>

Squirrel Play Dough Mats—Free printable

<https://www.prekinders.com/squirrel-playdough-mats/>

*Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines*

<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/earlylearning/Washington%20State%20Early%20Learning%20and%20Development%20Guidelines.pdf>