

# NATURE PLAY BOOKLIST

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## 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* by Patricia 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* by 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](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-savenger-hunt-free-printable/>  
<https://mumslittleexplorers.com/scavenger-hunt-lists-for-kids/>  
<https://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/outdoor-savenger-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%20Learnin%20and%20Development%20Guidelines.pdf>