



# CHALLENGE #2: DISCOVER BIODIVERSITY

JULY 12th-19th

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The world is full of amazing plants and animals, we call this biodiversity! Take a few minutes this week to search and observe the plants and animals near you. All of these living things rely on a healthy environment to survive.

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**LOCATION:** Your neighborhood, your backyard, your house, or anywhere else you can find nature!

## MATERIALS:

1. Notebook and pencil
2. Observation eyes

## PARENT NOTES:

- Students will be exploring to see what they can find, make sure they know their boundaries if they are out by themselves.
- Make sure they know to look with their eyes and to be careful if they touch plants and animals. Just in case they encounter poison ivy!



## INSTRUCTION:

1. Your challenge this week is to observe, draw, and learn about the plants and animals near you! Grab a paper and pencil (and a clipboard if you need it!) to get started.
2. Head outside and observe the plants and animals that you find.
  1. Do you see any interesting animals moving around? A bird, a worm, a squirrel?
  2. Are there any flowers blooming nearby?
  3. Are there any interesting plants growing up from the sidewalk cracks?
3. Choose 3 of the most interesting plants or animals that you observed and draw them – try to be as detailed as you can!
4. BONUS: Do some research to figure out what species of plant or animal you observed. Hint: you can have a parent help you use the internet for research or use apps like Seek and iNaturalist to make an identification.
5. BONUS BONUS: Share your drawings from your observations with us on our socials: Instagram: @crrcompact and Twitter: @The\_Compact.

## SUBMIT TO BE THIS WEEK'S WINNER!

Find a parent or adult and have them help you **submit a picture** of your favorite observation drawing that you completed. Enter through this link: <https://bit.ly/summer-challenge-2020> by **Sunday, July 19th at midnight!**