



# Backyard Bingo

Children will hone their observation skills in nature with this fun activity that you can do outside in your backyard or from your window. You can do this as a timed activity as part of a science lesson or just as a fun break activity.

**Age: PreK-5**

## Gather your Gear

- Grab a copy of the Bingo sheet below for each child doing the activity.
- Pencil/marker to use as you find items.

## Get Ready

Get your child thinking about the activity before you head outside; this will help create connections during and after your exploration time.

- Go over what each item on the sheet is and where you might find it. Could it be found on the ground or in the air, or both?
- Discuss that this activity is about observation with your eyes and that all items should be left where they are, especially living creatures.
- Discuss that there are different types of birds, squirrels, trees, etc.

**Explore** Go outside in your yard, look out your window or your local park, and explore. Cross off the items as you find them, until someone can call Bingo.

**Recap** Have a conversation about what you saw and questions your child may have.

- Did you find different types of birds or trees?
- Where did you find the most birds, worms, insects, etc.?
- Discuss why they think different items were found where they were?

**Relate** Create connections to the idea through activities.

Have your child do a drawing or written description of the item they found the most of. Discuss with your child why they think that item was so plentiful.













**It takes a team.... join ours:** Help us save species by joining the “Zoo Conservation Corps” and raise awareness about wild animals, their habitats and why conserving both are so important. Post your drawings and descriptions on your social to share with your family and friends, use the hashtag #OnlyZooATL so that we can see all your great work!

**Want to know more.... Go online to**

- Zoo Atlanta’s website to learn about different animals. <https://zooatlanta.org/animals/>
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division site to learn more about the native wildlife that lives in Georgia. <https://georgiawildlife.com/nuisancewildlife>



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