

Nature Near You



Journal Prompt: What does nature mean to you?



Photo: Alana Hunter

Animal of the Week: Great Blue Heron

Great Blue Herons are up to a metre tall and can have wingspans that stretch over 1.5 metres! They live in wetlands along the coast and southern interior.

Fun Fact: nesting occurs in colonies called heronries that may include up to 400 nests!

At Home Activity: Backyard Nature Surveys

If a scientist was studying a forest, would it take a long time to look at every tree? Yes! So, scientists study smaller sample areas! You can use this method too!

What you need:

- Shoelace
- Paper
- Something to write with

How To:

1. Tie shoelace ends together to form a circle
2. Go out and place your shoelace anywhere in a green space
3. Collect your data! Write down or draw everything inside!
4. Move to another area and repeat

Other Resources:

Plant a native garden! Planting a garden can be a great stress reliever. Habitats greatly benefit from native plants. Habitat Acquisition Trust has a great guide to choosing native plants for your garden.

https://www.hat.bc.ca/attachments/HAT_Garden_Brochure_web.pdf

Watch wildlife from home! Hancock Wildlife Foundation has set up lots of eagle nest webcams across BC. Get an up-close look at these beautiful birds while staying safely at home.

<https://hancockwildlife.org/project/live-cams/>



Connect With Us!

