

Nature Near You



Journal Prompt: What will your yard look like in 5 years?



Animal of the Week: Western Painted Turtle



The western painted turtle is BC's only native freshwater turtle! They live in BC's wetlands and can live for 20-30 years. There are fewer than 250 adult western painted turtles in the Pacific Coast population. Fun fact: BC's western painted turtles grow faster and larger than others of the same species.

At Home Activity: Leaf Rubbings

Nature is full of colour! But have you noticed the shapes and textures? Leaf rubbings are a great way to observe and compare some of the texture in nature!

What you need:

- Pencil or crayons
- Paper
- Leaves

How To:

1. Go outside and collect leaves (don't pick them)
2. Focus on ones with different colors and textures!
3. Place your leaves under your paper
4. Use an unwrapped crayon or the side of a pencil and shade over top of the leaves
5. Compare the shapes and textures!

Other Resources:

Compost at home! Here is a resource for how to make an at home worm composting bin!

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin>

Not sure what is recyclable? There is an app for that! Recycle BC has an app that can be used to help you figure out what is recyclable and where the nearest recycle location is to you!

<https://recyclebc.ca/app/>



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