



NATURE AT HOME

We hope to inspire kids of all ages to learn about the natural world and discover new connections to nature.



Nature Detective

View the Video at DishmanHills.org/Nature-At-Home

Materials needed: Journal or paper and pencil

When you are outside, you may hear sounds or see things that you don't know what they are. You may be able to figure out what it is, by asking the following three questions:

What do **I Notice**?

What do **I Wonder**?

What does **it remind me of**?

I Notice: Something you notice through your senses, like sight, smell, touch, hearing or taste. (example: a loud noise (rat-a-tat) that sounded high above me)

I Wonder: Out loud start asking yourself questions starting with "I wonder". This will make you a more curious person. (example: was the noise coming from a tree or cliff? Was the noise from a bird or other animal?)

It reminds me of: Is it something you have studied before, observed somewhere else, or read about? Does the shape remind you of something else? Do you have any memories that it reminds you of? Write down anything of interest to you. (example: a safari movie; an exotic animal or monkey; sounds sort of like a coyote?)

You might want to draw a fast sketch or picture in your journal. Use words to make titles, headings, and labels. Make lists or sentences to go along with the picture.

Could it be? Try to figure out your mystery and make your own explanations. It's ok to be wrong. Another time when you are in nature, you might see it and then you can compare your prior observations with new ones.

If you would like to share your drawings or journal writings email: Education@DishmanHills.org