

BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY BINGO SPRING EDITION

Look for a variety of living and non-living things that contribute to a healthy habitat

What you'll need:

- An outdoor space, like your backyard or a nearby natural area
- A bingo card for each player
- A pencil for each player
- A scientist's sense of curiosity
- The power of observation!

How to play:

- 1.** Look up any terms you're unfamiliar with before you set out to explore. If you'd like, you can write down notes on your bingo card.
- 2.** Visit an outdoor space, like your backyard or a nearby natural area. Remember to stay safe: dress for the weather, bring a grown-up if you leave your yard, maintain physical distance from others, wear a mask and be careful around water.
- 3.** Look for the living and non-living items on the card. To support biodiversity, don't remove anything from its natural habitat. Observe only—do not touch, feed or disturb the wildlife.
- 4.** Move slowly and quietly for the best chance to see animals.
- 5.** Cross off your observations on the bingo card as you go. See how many items you can find and compare with your fellow bingo players to see how many of you got five in a row—or maybe even a full card!

How does it work?

Biodiversity measures the variety of life in a habitat or ecosystem. Greater biodiversity means a habitat can support more living things. It also means the habitat is healthier and more resilient.

**What can you do to improve biodiversity in your neighbourhood?
How can you help all life to survive and thrive in all seasons?**



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Add diversity to your observations

- Revisit the area at a different time of day. What surprising things did you find? What changed?
- Check out another area with different natural features. Which area had more biodiversity? Why do you think that might be?

Is your bingo card full?

Create your own! Here's a list to help get you started:

- A brush pile
- Lichen or moss
- Steady rain
- Different shades of green
- A deciduous tree
- A quiet nature sound
- A singing amphibian
- Damp soil for butterflies

<p>Geese flying north</p> 	<p>A beneficial insect</p> 	<p>An animal that lives on land and in water</p>	<p>Seeds that can "fly"</p> 	<p>Animal bones or scat</p>
<p>An early pollinator</p>	<p>A toad's hiding place</p> 	<p>A tree with needles</p> 	<p>Something that doesn't belong</p>	<p>Swelling leaf buds</p> 
<p>A plant with flowers</p> 	<p>A palynivore</p>	<p>GO WILD & find something NEW!</p>	<p>A dead tree (hint: a good hiding place for animals)</p>	<p>Something used to make a nest</p>
<p>A hazard to birds</p>	<p>A tall tree</p> 	<p>A rotting log</p>	<p>A tiny animal</p> 	<p>A tree that makes a sweet treat</p>
<p>A place for a bat to hang out during the day</p>	<p>An earthy smell</p>	<p>A bird singing</p> 	<p>A source of water for animals</p>	<p>Food for a rabbit</p> 