

Green 2 Troops – Design with Nature Badge

1. Bird Tally Walk

- Go outside to a park or your backyard. Sit quietly and use recycled paper or a reused notebook page to draw or make tally marks for each bird you see.
- Try to notice: Do they hop or fly? Are they alone or in a group? What color are they?

Eco Tip: Use a stick or finger in dirt or sand to make tally marks if you want to go paper-free!

2. Build a Natural Bird Feeder

- Use an empty toilet paper roll, smear it with peanut butter (or shortening), and roll it in birdseed.
- Hang it with a string from a tree branch near your home or troop site.
- Observe and count birds that visit over the next few days. What types do you notice?

Eco Tip: All parts are biodegradable — no plastic required!

3. Nature Color Hunt

- Take a walk with a reused egg carton or muffin tin. In each compartment, collect (or draw if in a park) one item that matches a color — green leaf, brown bark, gray stone, etc.
- Sort by texture or color and count how many of each you find.

Eco Tip: Only collect things that have fallen to the ground. Never pick live flowers or leaves!

4. Nature Scavenger Sketch Page

- Reuse a grocery bag or cereal box as your drawing board. Write or sketch 5 items to find (like a leaf, stick, rock, feather, or flower).
- When you find each one, draw it, color it, or mark a check.

Eco Tip: Go low-waste — use colored pencils and avoid stickers or new craft items.

5. My Backyard or Park Map

- With chalk on a sidewalk or reused cardboard, draw a simple map of where you went on your nature walk.
- Add where you found a bird, a tree, a flower, a path, etc.
- Include a key or legend with little drawings or colors.

Eco Tip: Map with found items! Use rocks for paths, leaves for trees, and twigs for trails on your nature map.

6. Create a Trail for a Friend

- In a backyard or natural area, create a “mini trail” using leaves, rocks, and sticks.
- Give a friend directions to follow your trail using simple math words (like 2 steps forward, turn left at the 3 rocks, stop at the tall tree).
- You just made a nature map they can *walk through*!

Eco Tip: Use only loose, natural materials. Clean up after your trail adventure!