



# Get Kindergarten Ready at OC Public Libraries Books About the Natural World



**Butterfly, Butterfly** by Petr Horáček (2007). Lucy's garden is full of colorful creatures that wriggle and spin, scurry and slither. **XFICP HORACEK P**

**Colors** by Shelley Rotner (2019). A red fire truck, orange pumpkins, and more in vivid pictures of familiar things that inspire children to look more carefully. **XFICP ROTNER S**

**Deep in the Ocean** by Lucy Brunellière (2019). Explore the ocean in this beautifully illustrated, oversized book. **XFICP BRUNELLIERE L**

**Fall Is Not Easy** by Marty Kelley (1998). A tree tells why, out of all four seasons, autumn is the hardest. **XFICP KELLEY M**

**First the Egg** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (2007). Which came first? The chicken or the egg? This is a book about transformations - from egg to chicken, seed to flower and caterpillar to butterfly. **XP 571.8 SEEGER L**

**If You Plant a Seed** by Kadir Nelson (2015). A lovely story about growing vegetables and kindness. **XFICP NELSON K**

**In the Tall Tall Grass** by Denise Fleming (1991). Rhymed text presents a toddler's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime till nightfall. **XFICP FLEMING D**

**Mama Built a Little Nest** by Jennifer Ward (2004). Investigates a wide variety of birds and their nests. **XP 598.1564 WAR**

**Mister Seahorse** by Eric Carle (2004). Follow Mister Seahorse as he meets other ocean fathers while caring for his eggs. **XFICP CARLE E**

**My Friend Earth** by Patricia MacLachlan and Francesca Sanna (2020). Investigate the seasons and learn how the Earth is a friend to all. **XFICP MACLACHLAN P**

**Over and Under the Pond** by Kate Messner (2017). Discover the plants and animals living in a mountain pond. **XP 577.636 MES**

**Round** by Jennifer Ward and Lisa Congdon (2020). A rhyming story about all of the round things you can find in nature. **XFICP WARD J**

**A Stone Sat Still** by Brendan Wenzel (2019). A rhyming story focusing on a stone experiencing the changing natural world. **XFICP WENZEL B**

**Tall, Tall Tree** by Fredericks, Anthony D. (2017). High in a redwood tree is an unseen world of all kinds of animals. Readers will meet them through rhyming verses as they count them 1 to 10. **XP 591.734 FRE**

**Tap Tap Boom Boom** by Elizabeth Bluemle (2014). It's a mad dash for shelter as rain sweeps into an urban neighborhood. **XFICP BLUEMLE E**

**Tap the Magic Tree** by Christie Matheson (2013). Invites the reader to tap, rub, touch, and wiggle illustrations to make an apple tree bloom, produce fruit, and lose its leaves. **XFICP MATHESON C**

**They All Saw a Cat** by Brendan Wenzel (2016). Shows the very different ways creatures see and experience the world. **XFICP WENZEL B**

**A Tree Is Nice** by Janice May Udry (1984). Simply describes the value of a tree. **XFICP UDRY J**

**There's a Bug on My Book** by John Himmelman (2017). A fantastic interactive picture book about creatures that live in the lawn. **XP 595.7 HIM**

**Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt** by Kate Messner (2015). Discover the world of life, both in the garden and under the ground. **XP 635 MESS**

**What will Grow?** by Jennifer Ward (2017). Seeds come in all shapes and sizes. Readers can guess what will grow when the seeds are planted. **XP 575.68 WAR**



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