



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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