Become an Environmental Steward

Stewards take care of the environment and work to protect it. There are many ways to be an environmental steward in your community.
Support the Environment

**Plant native trees and flowers:** Native trees and plants attract necessary pollinators such as bees and birds. Plant a few in your yard and see which pollinators visit.

**Make a toad home:** Put a flowerpot on its side in a cool, damp spot and fill the bottom with dirt and leaves. Keep the leaves moist to attract toads and salamanders.

**Build a brush pile:** Gather sticks and dried grasses and build a shelter for rabbits and small animals.

**Help nesting birds:** Put out small twigs, pet hair, grass clippings, and natural fibers such as wool or cotton for birds to use as nesting materials.

**Hang a bird feeder:** Put up a bird feeder to attract birds to your yard. Use a field guide to identify the birds that visit. Draw them and record their behavior.
Connect with Nature

Know your local species: Take a little time while walking and exploring your backyard, local parks or preserves to learn about birds, trees, insects and plants native to your area.

Adopt a natural area: Choose a natural space to visit often. Bring gloves and a garbage bag and clean up trash.

Find a sit spot: Find an outdoor spot that makes you feel comfortable. Sit quietly and observe the world around you. How does your spot change over time?

Think of other ways to be a good steward in your community. Thank you for protecting the environment!