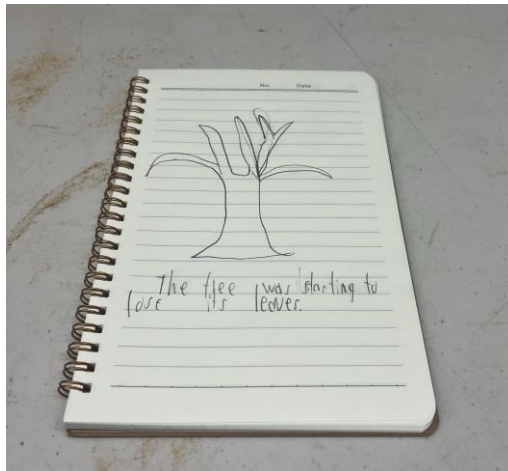


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John James Audubon was a naturalist, conservationist, artist, and scientist who contributed a lot in the early days of conservation. He used his skills as an artist to draw and document hundreds of birds across North America, including some that are now endangered and extinct. He wrote a book called *The Birds of America*, which is still referenced by ornithologists (scientists who study birds) to the very day!

Outdoor Activity: Nature Journal



Materials:

- Journal/notebook
- Writing utensils
- Coloring utensils (optional)

Procedure:

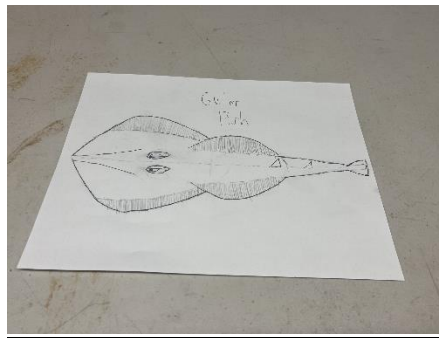
1. Grab a notebook or journal along with your chosen utensils. Go outside and find a plant or animal to observe.
2. After observing it, draw a picture of it. You may use a regular pencil, colored pencils, crayons, whatever you'd like!
3. Write about whatever you find interesting! You could write about how a tree is adapting to the cold weather, or what texture you think a certain animal's fur is. There are no wrong answers when making observations.
4. If you'd like, you can repeat this process with other animals or plants! You can even make a book, like John James Audubon did!

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Like John James Audubon, you too can make a name for yourself as a conservation artist. Every year, an organization called The Art of Conservation hosts an art and writing contest each year. There are multiple awards and categories you can win in based on what animal species you're making, and how you're making it. It's a cool way to get involved with conservation, do some cool art, and maybe learn something too!

Indoor Activity: Fish Art Contest



Materials:

- Computer
- Drawing materials of your choice!
- Document scanner (if you don't have one of these your local library should have one. If not, you can mail in your entry using the address on the website.)

Procedure:

1. Go to the Art of Conservation website [Fish Art Contest — Art of Conservation](#)
2. Review the rules and guidelines tabs.
3. Check the special awards tab to see if you want to go for any special awards!
4. Make your art! It doesn't have to be perfect. Just do your best!
5. Fill out the entry form and submit your entry!

We got to make a lot of fun art this month! I hope you all learned a lot and made some awesome pictures! Don't forget to download the Agents of Discovery app on your phone to play new missions each month, including the Creators of Conservation mission this month!