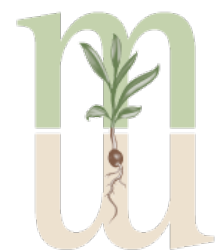


Who's Living in Your Backyard and Neighborhood?

A Young Gardener's Journal



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Hi,

Thanks so much for joining me as we explore our backyards and neighborhoods.

Please use this journal to record all the fun, cool and unusual creatures you find on your walks and in your yard. Once you get started you may find you need to print more pages to write down all you see. Be sure to invite your family and friends to explore their yards and gardens too.

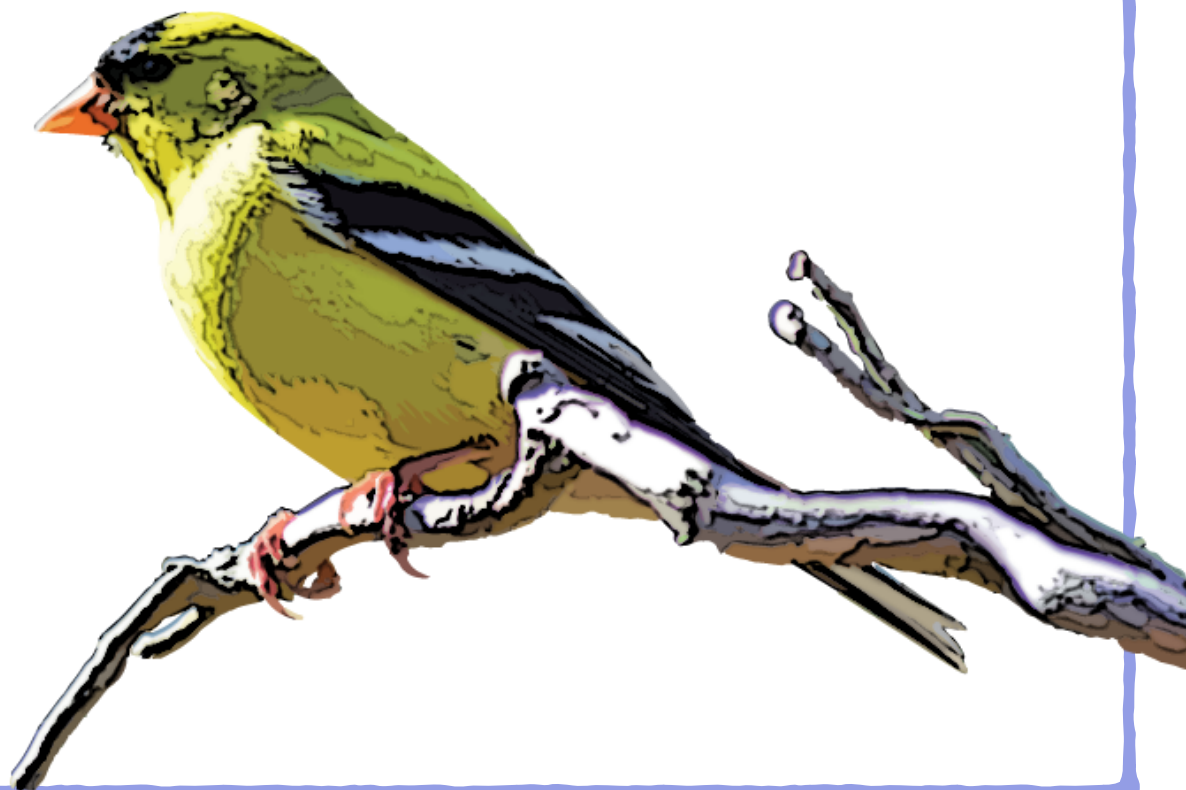
Invite more toads, pollinators and birds to your backyard by growing plants that provide food and shelter. And don't forget the water. Even a few containers and a birdbath or fountain can attract these welcome visitors to a small yard or balcony.


You can find videos and free downloadable guides for families under **Gardening How-To** on my website at melindamyers.com/garden-how-to. You will find more gardening resources, including some on making pollinator- and bird-friendly gardens throughout my website, MelindaMyers.com.

My team, my friends at We Energies, Wisconsin Public Libraries, Upper Peninsula of Michigan Libraries and I hope you have lots of fun. Be sure to explore your gardens, backyards, and other green spaces in your neighborhood.

Have fun exploring!

Melinda





Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, toads and other friendly creatures help make sure we have food to eat, pretty flowers to look at and so much more.


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Here are the **Pollinators** I Have Found in My Garden and Neighborhood

Date

Flower It Was Visiting

☐ Bee

☐ Bumblebee

☐ Butterfly

☐ Hummingbird

☐ Beetle

☐ Fly

☐

☐

A Drawing of What I Saw

Here is What I Found on My Bug Hunt



Date _____ Weather _____

Where I Searched for Bugs & Other Creatures _____

What I Found

Where They Were Living or Visiting

☐ **Ants**

☐ **Slugs**

☐ **Aphids**

☐ **Mites**

☐ **Butterflies**

☐ **Caterpillars**

☐ **Lady Beetles**

☐ **Dragonflies**

☐ **Grasshoppers**

☐ **Earwigs**

☐ **Honeybees**

☐ **Bumblebees**

☐ _____

☐ _____

Toads, Birds & Other Friendly Creatures

A Drawing of What I Saw

