



# STORY TIME

## EXPLORING NATURE RESOURCES

### Story Time Description

There are many hidden treasures in the outdoors and each one has a special place in nature. Remember when you're outdoors to take time and observe, because most of the time these items are overlooked and not noticed. Today I will read *Anna's Table* by Eve Bunting. In this heart-warming story, Anna gathers the treasures she and her family find, and collects them on her nature table.

### Children's Picture Books and Other Nonfiction Books

- *Finding Wild* by Megan Wagner Lloyd
- *The Hike* by Alison Farrell
- *The Keeper of Wild Words* by Brooke Smith
- *It's Spring* by Linda Glaser
- *Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring* by Kenard Pak
- *Outside In* by Deborah Underwood & Cindy Derby
- *Backyard Fairies* by Phoebe Wahl
- *Flowers Are Calling* by Rita Gray and Kenard Pak
- *Run Wild* by David Covell
- *Some Bugs* by Angela Diterlizzi
- *Into the Outdoors* by Susan Gal
- *Explorers of the Wild* by Cale Atkinson
- *Nature's Day: Out and About: Spotting, Making, and Collecting Activities* by Kay Maguire & Danielle Kroll
- *Nature's Wonders* by Alejandro Algarra
- *Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature* by Nicola Davies
- *Backpack Explorer: On the Nature Trail: What Will You Find?* by

### Great Resource Books & Other Useful Resources

- *Nature Play at Home* by Nancy Striniste
- *Preschool Beyond Walls: Blending Early Learning Childhood Education and Nature-Based Learning* by
- *Celebrate Nature! Activities for Every Season* by Angela Schmidt

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[lewisginter.org](http://lewisginter.org)

- Field Guide to Butterflies Published by National Audubon Society
- Tree Kid Quest (Visit [www.lewisginter.org](http://www.lewisginter.org))

***Connecting Children and Families to Nature During the Pandemic*** article written by National League of Cities  
[www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org)

*Celebrate Nature! Activities for Every Season* by Angela Schmidt

**Children & Nature Network**

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The Children & Nature Network was founded in 2006 by a group of educators, writers, and community leaders who share a deep concern about children's disconnection from nature. The Children & Nature Network was created to encourage and support the people and organizations working to reconnect children with nature.

**Natural Start Alliance**

[www.naturalstart.org](http://www.naturalstart.org)

The Natural Start Alliance is a network of people and organizations that believe that all young children need frequent opportunities to experience, learn from, and care for nature and the environment through high-quality education. The Alliance, a project of the North American Association for Environmental Education, serves as a backbone organization to focus and amplify the collective impact of the people and organizations that share this common vision.

**National Wildlife Federation**

[www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

Great resources for turning your outdoor space into a spot that supports local wildlife? Use the tip sheets and videos to guide you in creating a go-to garden for butterflies, birds, and other animals.