

STORY TIME RESOURCES

STEP GENTLY OUT

STORY TIME DESCRIPTION

Insects and other bugs are everywhere. Some are very evident and others you have to look more closely for them. Today's story is [Step Gently Out](#) a poem written by Helen Frost and photographs taken by Rick Lieder. The stunning photographs and poetic words will inspire you to step outside and explore the secret life of bugs.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

- **Insects Unit Study:** [Gift of Curiosity](#) offers a unit of study on insects. They provide lessons on bee's, butterflies, ants, ladybugs, and silk worms.
- **Bug and Insect Habitat:** Learn how to create your very own [bug hotel](#) using recycled materials.
- **Mini Beast Hunt:** Grab a clipboard, pencil, and print this [mini beast \(insect\) hunt](#) to look for bugs and insects on your next outdoor exploration.
- **Upcycle Projects:** Learn how to turn old t-shirts into bags and coaster. Take a look at these [upcycled projects](#) to create new things out of old things.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Poetry 4 Kids:** Visits www.poetry4kids.com for poetry lessons, games and much more.
- **National Poetry Month:** Take a look at these [45 children's books for National Poetry Month](#) from Black Children's Books and Authors.
- **Acorn Naturalist:** [Acorn Naturalist](#) offers a wide array of insect guides and activities. You will find children's books, games, field guides and much more.
- **SCRAP Creative Reuse:** Join [SCRAP Creative Reuse RVA](#) as they celebrate Earth Day all month long.

OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

Ways to support and embrace children's curiosity about bugs:

- Supply recycle containers for children to collect dead bugs (specimen)
- Provide child-friendly field guides
- Plant a variety of plants to attract pollinators
- Model how to "observe" before "interacting" with bugs and insects
- Model how to "catch and release"
- Provide them with journals to write or draw about bugs they see or want to learn about
- Take children outside daily

RELATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- [*Some Bugs*](#) by Angela DiTerlizzi
- [*Bugs in the Garden*](#) by Beatrice Alemagna
- [*What Lives in the Garden?*](#) by John Woodward
- [*Over Under in the Garden: An Alphabet Book*](#) by Pat Schories
- [*Bugs A to Z*](#) by Caroline Lawton
- [*Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner*](#) by Janice H. Harrington
- [*What if There Were No Bee's?*](#) by Suzanne Slade
- [*Hello World! Backyard Bugs*](#) by Jill McDonald
- [*The Backyard Bug Book for Kids: Storybook, Insect Facts, and Activities*](#) by Lauren Davidson
- [*Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug*](#) by Evan Kuhlman
- [*The Thing About Bee's: A Love Letter*](#) by Shabzz Larkin
- [*Summersaults*](#) by Douglas Florian
- [*Poetrees*](#) by Douglas Florian
- [*Fresh Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers Market*](#) by Michelle Schaub
- [*A Stick is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play*](#) by Marilyn Singer
- [*Sing a Song of Seasons: A Nature Poem for Each Day of the Year*](#) by Nosy Crow
- [*When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons*](#) by Julie Fogliano
- [*National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More Than 200 Poems with Photographs That Float, Zoom, and Bloom!*](#) by Patrick J. Lewis