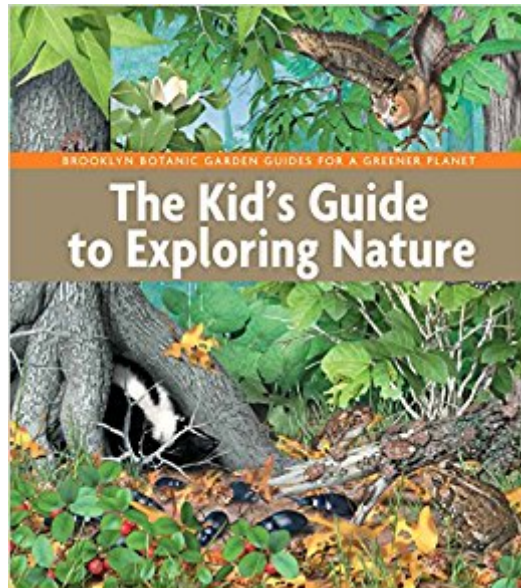




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# The Kid's Guide To Exploring Nature (BBG Guides For A Greener Planet)



## Synopsis

This gorgeously illustrated guide will inspire kids to look closely at the world around them! Created by the experts at the renowned Brooklyn Botanic Garden, it teaches children how to observe environments as a naturalist does and leads them on 24 adventures that reveal the complex ecosystems of plants and animals in the woods, at the beach, and in a city park. Detailed, scientifically based drawings help young scientists identify hundreds of North American plants and animals, while dozens of fun projects include keeping a journal, conducting field experiments, and exploring nature with all five senses. A Winner, Hands-on Science category, 2015 American Association for the Advancement of Science Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books The Kid's Guide to Exploring Nature has also been named an honor book for the 2015 Green Earth Book Award in the Children's Nonfiction category!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 3-6 • This appealing, textbook-style introduction to nature is broken down by season. The title begins with some general information about ways in which naturalists observe nature, suggestions for keeping a journal, and places to explore. The sections are subdivided by habitat (ponds, meadows, beaches, lakes), and there's also an emphasis on ways to explore plant and wildlife in urban areas. The author covers a wide variety of topics that highlight

seasonal changes. For instance, the section on "Winter" deals with "Life Under Ice," while "Autumn" discusses "Leaf Color." Page-long job descriptions scattered throughout delve into skills and interests needed for various nature-related occupations (horticulturist, taxonomist, botanical illustrator, and others). "Nature Activities," such as "Make Your Own Bug Spray" and "Build a Boat That Stays Afloat" using only materials readers can find at their feet, make learning fun. "Tips for Adult Caregivers" are also included. Illustrations vary from full-page scenes of different habitats (labeled with names of the plant and animal species) to smaller photographs and drawings of nature items—seed pods, leaves in fall colors, fungi, bee varieties. The lessons and activities here will motivate many readers to explore further.—Susan Scheps, formerly at Shaker Public Library, OH --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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—School Library Journal

In the interest of full disclosure, I am the administrator of the AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Children's Science Books. This book is the 2015 winner in the hands-on science category. The reason for my purchase is that we like the book so much we are featuring in a big back-to-school book giveaway in August. First let me say that this book is beautiful; the outstanding illustrations are a delight. Written by the education staff at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the book is based on their years of experience sharing nature with children. It is organized by seasons and can be read and enjoyed by an individual child who loves to explore nature, or it can be used as a family or classroom inspiration. The focus is on developing the skills that any naturalist needs to explore and learn about nature and it does so in a way that instills respect and even a love of nature in young people. Highly recommended.

This is a great book. An extensive amount of information given that its target audience is children, and wonderful illustrations that provide a starting point for kids to learn to identify various things in

nature. My 8 year old has been reading and rereading this week for several weeks, and has gotten so much out of it. This is definitely a good addition to your personal library.

lot's of fun!

I was surprised at how excellent this book turned out to be. The common habitat illustrations are top notch, and the suggested activities of keeping observation journals are great. This was perfect my girl. She loves it.

pictures and games realistic, not comic graphic Thanks.

Great book for inquisitive children!

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