

<p>Find a comfortable spot in your back yard. Settle in and Use your Senses to <i>observe</i> the world around you. Draw or Describe things that you... See:</p>	<p>Hear:</p>
<p>Smell:</p>	<p>Touch:</p>
<p>The Bosque and your backyard are both examples of ecosystems. An ecosystem is a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. Ecosystems are made up of living and nonliving things. The nonliving elements include sunlight, water, air and soil. The living elements include producers, consumers and decomposers. Can you find all of these elements in your backyard?</p>	<p>A producer is an organism that makes its own food – the most common examples are plants. Find an example of a producer in your back yard. Can you identify it? Draw or describe it here:</p>
<p>A consumer is an organism that eats – the most common examples are animals. Find an example of a consumer in your back yard. Can you identify it? Draw or describe it here:</p>	<p>A decomposer breaks down dead organisms. Examples include bacteria or fungi. Can you find anything in your yard that is rotting or breaking down?</p>



Scavenger Hunt: Check off the items you find. Bonus!
Write the names of each item next to them, draw them, or find more than one.

- A tree
- An animal track
- A flower
- Something you can eat
- Something that lives in the soil
- An insect
- Something humans can't live without
- A sign of a human
- A beautiful rock
- An animal's home
- Something that makes a sound
- A leaf in an unusual shape
- Something that flies
- A seed

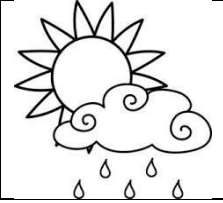
My Backyard Field Journal

Name: _____

Date: _____

Weather Report

Time: _____
Temperature: _____
Cloud cover: _____ %
Wind: Speed: _____ Direction: _____
Humidity: _____



Use this space to draw something up close and in detail.