

# WHO IS IN THE BACKYARD?

Who is in the backyard? Take a look and see. Are we really seeing what's right out there for me?

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When adults go for a walk or spend time in the yard, they usually have a purpose—walking or doing some gardening or work. When kids spend time outside, they like to stop and look at things around them. This looking is often more important than the walk. Give your kids the chance to explore:

- cracks in the sidewalk;
- leaves on the ground;
- tiny bugs or stones;
- different flowers or plants;
- people in the neighborhood.

During your time outside, you may find the children helped you learn something, too: How to see old, familiar things in a new way. If they've widened your horizon in any way, it will really please them to hear you say so.