

## April - Week 3

### Color Match: Spring Greens

In mid-April the day length surpasses 13 ½ hours of daylight and average high temperatures reach the mid to upper 50s. These milestones alongside April showers provide the ingredients for the greening up of the spring landscape.

Create a journal page all about Green. Collect 5 to 10 natural items that are green. Collect with stewardship in mind. Only pick a plant or leaf if there are 100 or more of that item. If collecting a leaf, consider picking just a part of the leaf instead of the entire leaf. Lay your collection on your journal page and organize them in a continuum from lightest green to darkest green. If you'd like, tape the collected items into your journal. Examine the greens. Are there more light or dark shades? Consider naming the greens. Use descriptive names to differentiate and identify their shade or intensity of green. Color crayon names may provide inspiration for naming the greens.

An alternate journaling strategy: Collect colored pencils, color crayons, or paints. Create a spectrum of 5 to 10 greens on our journal page and go out in search of natural matches. Either tape in matches or list names of matches next to each color on your page. What do you notice? Where did you find the greens; on grasses, herbs, shrubs, or trees? Are you surprised by the variety or lack of variety of greens outside this week?

Jeffers Journal  
with Spring  
leaves

