

June - Week 2

Water, Water Everywhere

Water is such an essential need for so many living things! Wild plants and garden plants alike need water to grow. Animals drink water. Frogs, turtles, and insects all live part of their life cycle in water. In our lovely state of Minnesota we have so much water, including ponds, streams, wetlands, over 10,000 lakes, and even spring puddles!

Visit a watery place near you. Wander through this area slowly, noticing all the life associated with the water. Are there a variety of plants growing near the shore? What plants are growing in the water? Do you see evidence of animals that use the water in some way? Are you aware of more animals that use that water, even if you don't see evidence of them on this visit?

In your nature journal, record the things you saw today. Make a list or drawing of plants you saw. Create a list of animals that rely on water. Sketch a picture that shows both the water and the life that relies on the water.



You may be surprised what you might find in a cup of pond water.