



## **Wednesdays in the Woods Activity: Create-a-Creature**

### **Materials Needed:**

- Your imagination
- Materials gathered from nature
- Space to build

### **Instructions:**

1. Imagine: if you could build any imaginary creature to live in any habitat, what would your creature look and feel like? How would it move, hunt for or find food, and defend itself from predators? Does it use camouflage, have sharp teeth, or prickly skin?
2. Gather materials from nature to create your creature. You can always gather more as you build, if necessary.
3. Name your creature; is your name based on its appearance, behavior, or some other characteristic?
4. Invite others to meet your creature – be sure to remember if there are any behaviors you need to warn others about, like a creature that has sharp spines or spits poison!

### **Reflective Questions:**

- How might your creature react if it were moved to a different habitat?
- Why do animals sometimes act aggressively, or seem shy or curious around each other?
- What are some characteristics we share with other animals?

### **Extensions of this activity:**

- Create a creature from indoor objects. Imagine: what is its favorite part of the house; what does it eat; and how does it get along with your pets, if you have any?

- Create a plant or a fungus or a combination of any of the kingdoms.
- Draw or photograph the important details of your creature-- what does someone need to notice to be able to identify this creature in the wild?

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