

Backyard Herp Detectives



Kids enjoy being outdoors. A fun way for them to enjoy reptiles and amphibians is to learn about the species found in their own backyards. Help kids explore and find new and exciting things as you look around.

Have them write down what they find and try to answer related questions such as, “What does it eat?” “What habitat does it prefer?” and “How has it adapted to its habitat?”.

Local ponds, pools, creeks, and parks may provide great opportunities for kids to find herps.

Setting up herp friendly habitats, frog ponds, or frog houses can also be a great way to attract reptiles and amphibians in your surrounding areas.

Read the PAHERP volunteer guide for some useful information on looking for herps.

Materials:

PAHERP Handbook

Pen and Paper

Camera (optional)

Datasheet

Links:

PAHERP Database

<http://www.paherp.com/db>