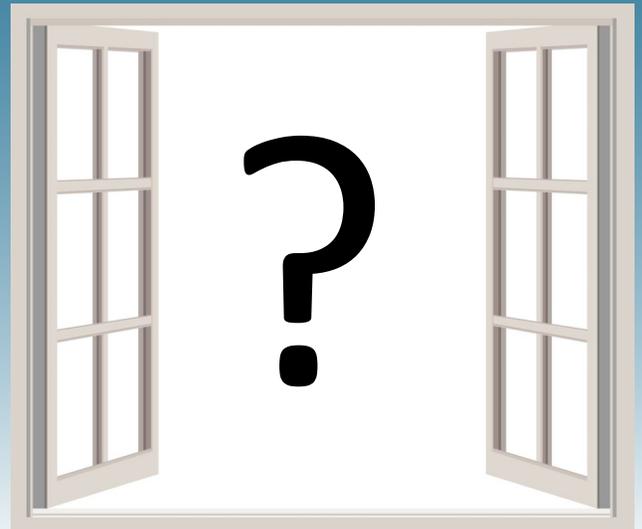


Window Observations

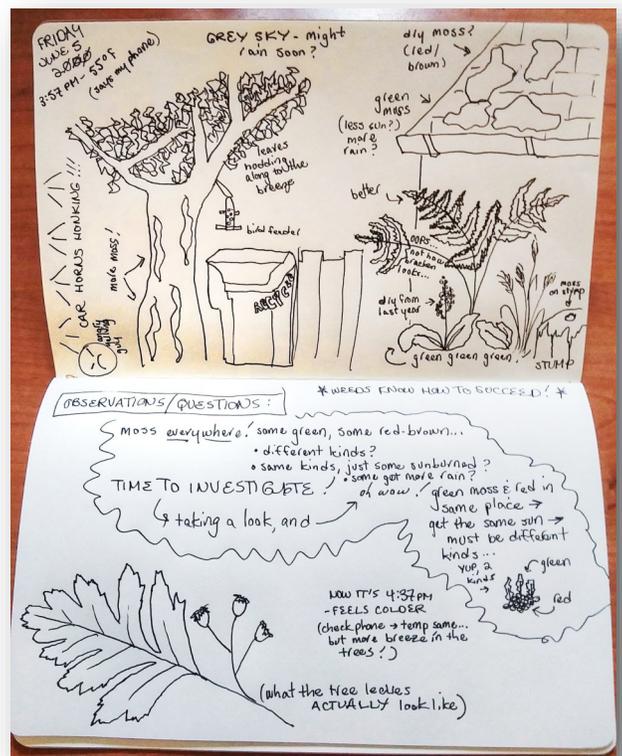
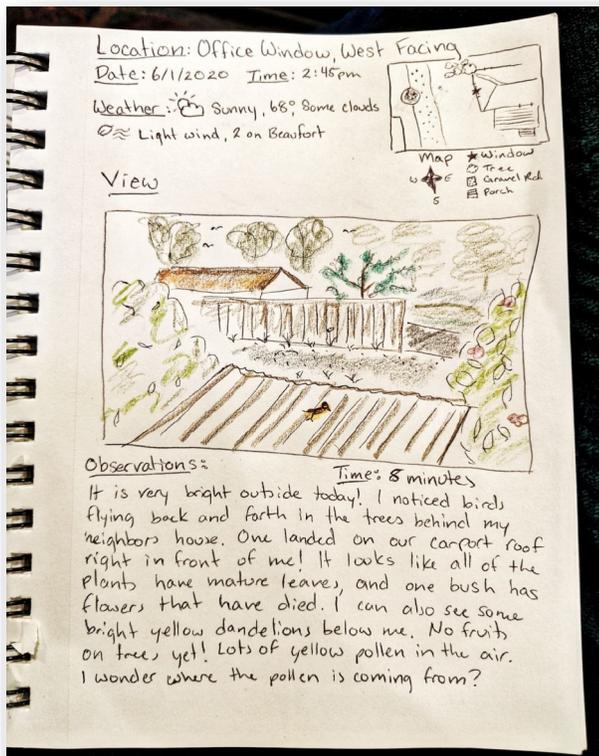
Choose a window in your home as your study location. Over the next few weeks, you will make observations about this study area and track any changes. Whatever and however you draw is OK!!!

Scientists come back to the same study area or monitoring site again and again to record patterns and changes, which helps them make connections.

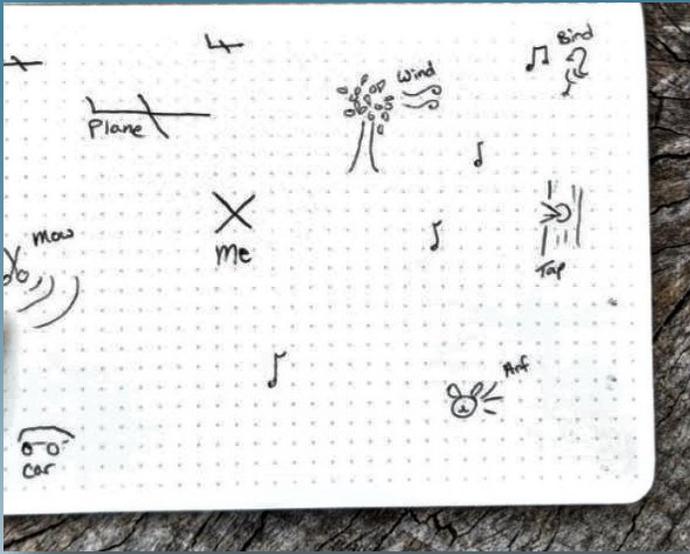
A lot can change within a month, so record what is happening right now and keep at it!



Draw a square or rectangle on your page to show the window frame. Now draw what you see on the other side of it! You can sketch as simple or detailed as you like. Make sure you write down the date and time for each observation!

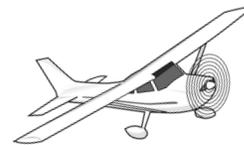


Sound Mapping



Find a comfortable spot near a window or outside. In your nature journal, mark an **X** in the center of your page. This represents YOU! Spend 4-10 minutes listening and drawing your 'sound map.' For each sound you hear, mark something simple that represents the sound (a wavy line could represent wind, dots could be rain, swirls could be a chattering squirrel, a big blotch could be a horn). Draw what feels right to you, and close your eyes if it helps.

Many animal's ears are shaped to help them catch sounds. Feel the shape of yours and cup your hands around them to focus your listening. See if you can catch sounds coming from in front of you, behind you, beside you and above you.



Reflection Question Options

What sounds were the most familiar to you?

Did you hear any new sounds? Do you know what made them?

What sound did you like best? Why? How did it make you feel?

Can you mimic any nature sounds?

Many animals have very sensitive hearing. If a plane or truck sounds loud to you, how do you think it sounds to wildlife?

