

Using Nature to Meet Educational Standards

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fourth Grade

Activity #1:

Materials: none

Visit the outdoor classroom or school grounds. Look for:

- Illinois's state flower (Violet)
- Illinois's state insect (Monarch Butterfly)
- Illinois's state bird (Cardinal)
- Illinois's state tree (White Oak)
- Illinois's state mammal (White Tailed Deer)
- Illinois's state grass (Big bluestem Prairie Grass)

If you do not find the state flower, grass, or tree, work together to plant them in the outdoor classroom or school grounds.

If you do not see the state mammal, bird, or insect, do research into why you don't find them. Where are they located? What habitat requirements do these animals have that are not present at your school site?