



Curious About Critters

1st & 2nd Grade

Here at Red Butte Garden, we believe learning is fun and can happen anytime, anywhere. To help continue the fun at home, we've included an outline of the topics we'll study this week at camp as well as a list of additional activities, books, and other resources related to this week's theme. We hope you'll use this to engage with your camper and keep the learning process happening all summer long! Thanks for coming to Summer Camp, and we'll see you soon at the Garden!

CAMP THEME

Many different critters live at Red Butte Garden. Each day this week we'll investigate different critters that call the "wild" of Red Butte Garden home. Along with the topics below, be sure to ask your camper about each day's garden friend.

- **Monday** – Learn what an arthropod is and make your own fantasy critters
- **Tuesday** – Learn about the fish of Red Butte Creek, play a predator prey game
- **Wednesday** – Birdwatching with binoculars, and homemade birdfeeders
- **Thursday** – Search for Red Butte's elusive reptiles and play camouflage games
- **Friday** – Hike the trails of Red Butte and learn how to identify tracks in the wild.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Plant a butterfly garden.
 - <https://mosswoodconnections.com/activity/creating-a-butterfly-garden/>
- Plan to visit a Utah habitat, different from your own, and learn about the critters you might find there. Or discover what critters could be found in your own backyard habitat.
 - <https://www.exploringnature.org/db/view/825>
- Take a nature walk and look for signs of critters. Tracks, scat, feathers etc.
- Watch an episode of *Night on Earth* on Netflix

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin
- *An Anthology of Intriguing Animals* by Ben Hoare
- *Secrets of Animal Camouflage* by Wesley Robbins and Carron Brown

