



**Baltimore Woods  
Nature Center**  
*Nature in your hands*

# *A Big, Beautiful World*

What is your favorite thing to do in the spring? At Baltimore Woods Nature Center we love to get outside and explore! Do you want to see what you can discover outside? The family activity, linked below, provides a fantastic opportunity to get everyone outside for adventures both big and small.

If you are an adventure seeker who would like to explore the secrets of your backyard check out this “Backyard Bioblitz” from National Geographic. This activity is well suited for kids, teens, and adults. If you do not have a backyard space take this bioblitz to a local park, preserve, or conservation area! [Click here](#) to get started. You can make this activity even more interactive by comparing different areas and the number of species you find. Keep the number of hours and the space you look over the same at three different places. Then keep track of the number of species you find. If you find a species and are scratching your head trying to figure out what it is, you’re in luck! Baltimore Woods has an email account that you can send in questions and pictures to. The email is: [connect@baltimorewoods.org](mailto:connect@baltimorewoods.org). Reach out anytime!

Following the bioblitz, you may be surprised at just how many living things can be found around you! Biodiversity, the variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem, is imperative to the survival of species throughout the world. But why is biodiversity important? Check out this video from Ted-Ed to find out why:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK\\_vRtHJZu4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK_vRtHJZu4)