



# Wildlife in my Backyard (WimBy)



*Meet your neighbours!*

**An international project for kids and adolescents who like animals**

**A Guide for Teachers and Group Leaders**

Wildlife in my Backyard is a forum for kids and adolescents who want to observe and learn about the animal wildlife in their backyards, neighborhood or school yards.

The young behaviour scientist will share the results of their observations and potential implications for the conservation of the animal they observe and its habitat on [www.janegoodall.de/roots-shoots/wimby/](http://www.janegoodall.de/roots-shoots/wimby/). Ideas and thoughts can be shared on this forum with other kids, adolescents, groups and school classes from around the world.

The initiative goes back to Jane Goodall, the famous chimpanzee researcher and UN messenger of peace. For many years, her program ‚Roots & Shoots‘ is flourishing around the world – kids and adolescents are getting engaged in the protection of their environment and animals.

Teachers and group leaders from day-care centres, after-school care clubs, nature conservation organisation, etc... can participate in this project with an entire class or school or motivate any number of interested kids to join this project.

It would be fantastic if kids could present their work during their classes in form of a presentation, riddle, comic, theatre play, movie clip, etc.. themed:

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Through the exchange of information via the online Wimby forum, English language skills (of non native speakers) can be improved as well as fostering a cross-cultural understanding between the participants. Young kids can work together with older ones even with wise grandpas and grandmas.

**Here are some principles to start the project:**

**KISS! K e e p i t s h o r t a n d s i m p l e!**

**Suggested are these six steps (they can be all done together or done separately):**

### **1. May I introduce?**

Choose an animal, seek information, ask questions, learn more about it and fill out an ID card (Document B1). Your research material will be uploaded on the Wimby Blog.



This part can be considered as introduction to try out the methodology of naturalists: exact observations, making notes, literature review, asking experts directly. Watch the Jane Goodall movie or other documentations to get an idea!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=eeASUdvLLnY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=eeASUdvLLnY)

## **2. Become active!**

Invite the animal by creating a small habitat in your backyard or your neighborhood! Who can support you to do it? Adults from your neighborhood? Parents? Grandparents? Experts from nature conservation organisations?

## **3. Be creative!**

Draw pictures, take photos, make a movie clip, write a poem, compose a song, perform, make an advertising spot ... Be creative!

Here are a few examples to inspire you

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJBbkGI0UaE> (a video clip)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHSI3tNT4Ag> (a song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JI7AsZGnyi4> (a dance)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNQcogZAMAY> (an interview on Kevin Richardson)

[http://youtu.be/DSqJsCKr\\_zU](http://youtu.be/DSqJsCKr_zU) <http://youtu.be/mpt-hdr2GGE> (Story Telling)

<http://www.la-fontaine-ch-thierry.net/onegramu.htm> (a fable from Jean de la Fontaine)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8lTtZoyfUY> (a film clip)

## **4. Inspire others!**

Share your material with others! Have a look what other groups have done around the world! Share your thoughts and ideas with them!

We are pioneers! By October 2014 we want you to upload any material you have produced so others can be inspired.

## **5. Celebrate!**

Celebrate with your friends, teachers, with everyone who has helped you to successfully complete this project!

The time frame for the project is April to October 2014. You can participate anytime during this period!



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