



# NATURE SKETCH: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is Nature Sketch?

Nature Sketch is an activity designed by the Robert Bateman Foundation that aims to inspire students to appreciate nature through the power of observation and education. Using our downloadable resources, educators can make Nature Sketch their own and support students in connecting to nature. Educators can help students learn about wildlife and local flora and fauna by participating and by “noticing nature” around them.

## Who is Robert Bateman?

Robert Bateman is a Canadian artist and naturalist that has inspired Canadians to connect deeply to nature through the form of art! Not only is Mr. Bateman’s one of the foremost wildlife artists worldwide, but he is also a spokesperson for many environmental and preservation issues.



## Who can participate?

Students in primary school (grades K-8) are invited to participate in this activity that will inspire them to have a lasting relationship with nature through art.

## Where can my class participate in Nature Sketch?

Anywhere! Even in the most urban areas, nature can be found around you and this activity helps students to sense and appreciate what's local and connect with it. Whether it's your schoolyard, a park, or local neighborhood, or asking your students to take the Nature Sketch activity home after school, you can bring to life a Nature Sketch lesson that suits your school's needs.

## I am an educator. How can my class get involved?

It's as simple as selecting a part of (or whole) day to take your students out into nature with a pencil and piece of paper! Encourage your students to record what they see and feel while they are out in nature. This can include sketches, artifacts, symbols and notes, anything that makes your students feel a connection to the natural world around them.

## Where can I find more information on how to do this activity?

In addition to the downloadable lesson guide, and reflection questions and tip sheet, learn more about how to engage your students with nature and art with:

- An [Introductory video](#) about appreciating nature

- [Tutorials](#) on sketching/drawing nature led by Robert Bateman

## Can we identify flora and fauna we observe during our lesson?

Using an online plant database such as iNaturalist can be a great place to start when identifying species in your school yard.

## How long is this activity?

This is up to you! This activity may take as little as 15 minutes, or it could a full day outside. Make Nature Sketch your own and even integrate the activity into existing lesson plans or projects.

## What is the best time of year for Nature Sketch?

Getting your students engaged outdoors with Nature Sketch can be a great way to welcome or say goodbye to any season. You can even conduct Nature Sketch year-round to help your students observe seasonal changes with flora and fauna, such as the changing of the colour of leaves, or the presence or absence of certain wildlife.

## What do we do after the activity?

Getting your students outdoors to observe and appreciate the nature around them should be celebrated as it helps to inspire students to value it.

Share how you used Nature Sketch in your classroom to support tomorrow's decision makers in valuing nature today. Log onto your [Living Planet @ School](#) account to share your participation and results. And inspire others by submitting a [Success Story](#) from your classroom to be published on Living Planet @ School.

## Are certificates awarded for this activity?

Certificates of participation are available to classrooms once results have been submitted online through your teacher dashboard.

## Who can I contact for more information?

Please contact us at [schools@wwfcanada.org](mailto:schools@wwfcanada.org).