

# Red-tail Kids Club

RED-TAIL LAND CONSERVANCY, INC.



**Hi, I'm Reddy Red-tail!**

*I am lucky because I get to spend most of my days soaring high in the sky. Sometimes I sit perched on a tree watching over the land where I live, and sometimes I fly low over the fields looking for food to eat.*

*Sadly most creatures like you get to spend very little time out in nature. This is sad indeed because nature needs you, and you need nature.*

*I want you to get outside and explore nature. The best way to learn about my friends and the world I live in is to be curious.*

*That means getting dirty, smelling things, touching things, and asking questions. I have some ideas that might help you to have fun adventures outdoors.*

**See you outside!**



## I wonder...

Who made that hole in the tree?

Why do flowers smell?

Who is making the chirping sound?

Where does all the rain water go?

## What is happening in nature right now?

Have you noticed more birds and bird sounds outdoors? Spring is the time of year when many songbirds, ducks, herons and hawks leave their winter homes and fly thousands of miles north. They migrate or travel to find food and the perfect place to nest and raise their babies.

Not all birds migrate. More and more species like the cardinal, nuthatch, and Carolina wren stay here year round. Birds use the stars, sun, and cues on the ground like rivers to help them find their way.

They can fly great distances without eating or sleeping but must stop along their trip to refuel. Putting out birdseed in feeders can help them along survive their long trip and be a great way to spot rare birds.

Notice the size, colors, and shapes of the birds you see visiting your yard. You can learn their names and more information about them in books and online. The [Cornell Lab of Ornithology website](http://www.cornell.edu/ornithology) has tons of information, pictures, and even plays bird sounds.

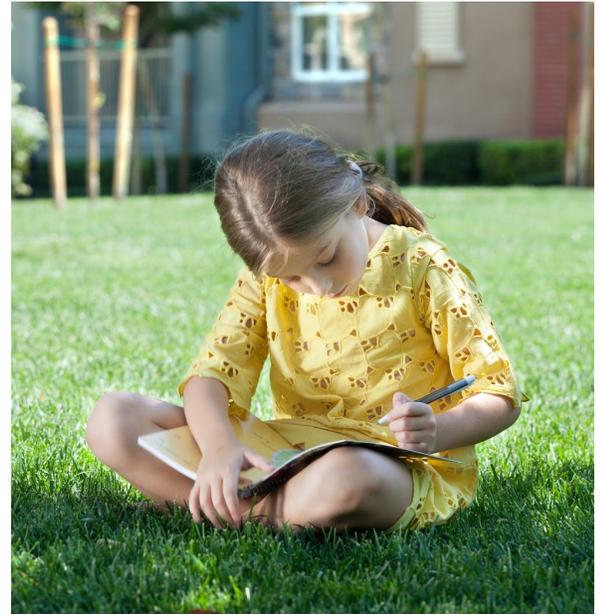
# Reddy's Nature Journal

Spring is a very busy time in nature. Plants and animals are changing very quickly. Go for a walk and look around. Use all your senses. Do you see new colors? Hear new sounds? Does the sun feel warmer?

**Draw pictures in your journal of the changes you find.**

My friends at Red-tail Land Conservancy protect many wild places where you can explore nature. They also have free nature journals you can take with you. Ask your parents to call the office and pick one up.

*I hope to spy you out exploring nature soon.*



## 🔍 Lets Explore

Hawks have very good eyes. This helps us spot food when we are flying high above the ground.

Try to spy these things when you explore outside this spring:

- Berries on a branch
- animal tracks
- your breath
- an animal tunnel
- a woodpecker hole
- a nest
- a bird singing
- something rough

What else can you find?

## ♥ Caring for Nature

You can help take care of the land and my friends.

- Pick up trash with a grown up so that animals don't eat it and get sick.
- Plant flowers and trees that grow flowers and make fruit or seed that help to feed my friends.
- Keep your cats indoors. They like to harm birds who are busy trying to find food and raise their babies.

How else can you help?

## 😊 Just for Fun

There are lots of fun things to do outside. Have you ever tried to...

- Fly a kite
- Plant a garden
- Read books under a tree
- Make muddies
- Catch tadpoles
- Climb a tree
- Splash in a puddle
- Blow dandelion seeds
- Find a feather

What is your favorite outdoor activity?



*See ya' in the woods.*

Visit [www.fortheland.org](http://www.fortheland.org) to learn more about my friends at Red-tail Land Conservancy and how you can support their work to preserve natural places. You can find properties to visit, learn about upcoming events, and get involved helping to protect nature.