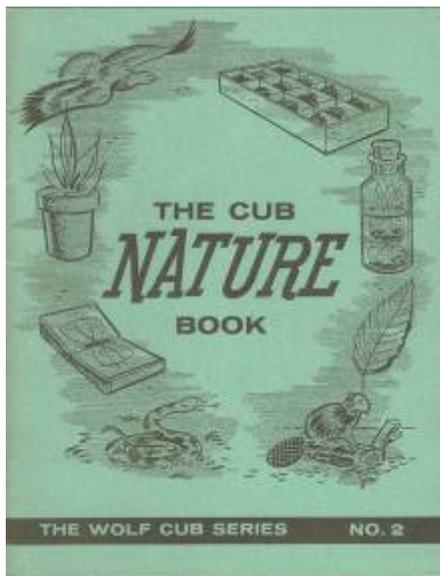


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GET SET

for collecting

THE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT YOU NEED DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EITHER EXPENSIVE OR EXTENSIVE BUT HERE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT HELP.

EVERY CAMPER SHOULD OWN A COMPASS



YOU'LL FIND THAT A MAGNIFYING GLASS WILL PAY FOR ITSELF

A TELESCOPE IS HANDY FOR DISTANCES OR...



YOU CAN BUY CHEAP FOLD UP BINOCULARS







GREEN PLANTS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT LIVING THINGS ON EARTH TO THE HUMAN RACE. ALL OUR FOOD COMES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM PLANTS

EXPERIMENTS YOU CAN MAKE WITH PLANTS

PLANTS NEED WATER

PLANT CORN OR BEAN SEEDS IN 2 SEPERATE POTS. RAISE UNTIL 5" HIGH & THEN STOP WATERING ONE PLANT. WATCH WHAT HAPPENS



PLANTS NEED LIGHT

PLACE A PLANT IN A DARK CLOSET FOR 1 WEEK TO SEE THE RESULT

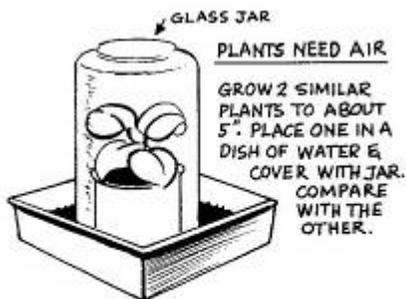
PLANTS GROW TOWARD LIGHT

COVER PLANT WITH BLACK PAPER BAG. PUT SMALL HOLE IN SIDE & PLACE IN WINDOW. WATCH DIRECTION OF GROWTH

BLACK PAPER BAG

ELASTIC BAND





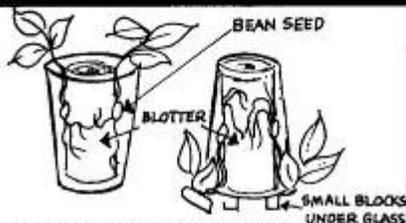
PLANTS NEED AIR

GROW 2 SIMILAR PLANTS TO ABOUT 5". PLACE ONE IN A DISH OF WATER & COVER WITH JAR. COMPARE WITH THE OTHER.



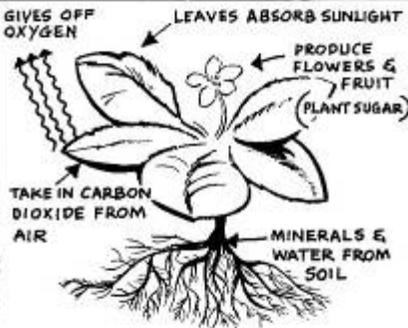
PLANTS GIVE OFF MOISTURE

TIE A PLASTIC BAG OVER A PLANT & FASTEN TIGHTLY AROUND STEM. MOISTURE WILL FORM IN BAG.

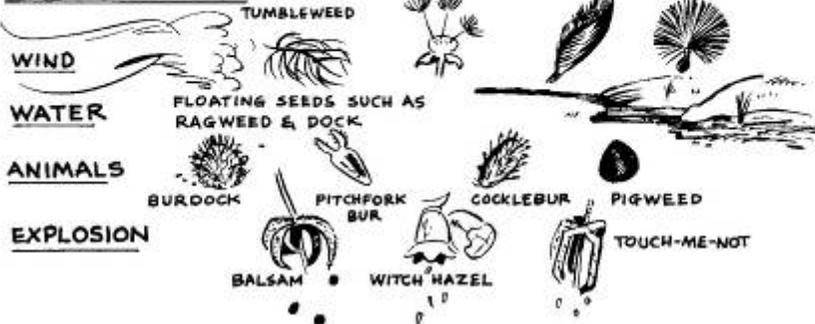


PLANT ROOTS GROW DOWN

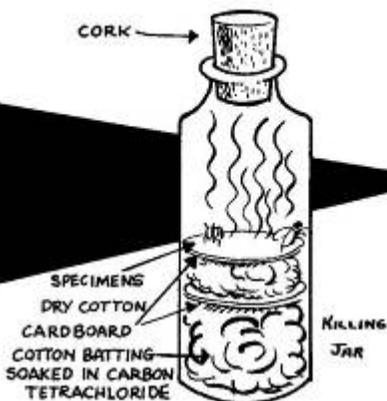
PLACE ROLLED BLOTTER IN GLASS. PUT BEAN SEEDS AS SHOWN. KEEP BLOTTER WET. PLANT WILL GROW OUT OF GLASS. THEN TURN UPSIDE DOWN... WATCH!



SEED DISPERSAL

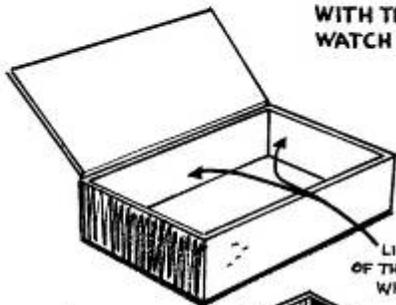


collecting and mounting



COLLECTING INSECT SPECIMENS CAN BE FUN AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL. START WITH THE SIMPLEST INSECTS AND WATCH YOUR COLLECTION GROW

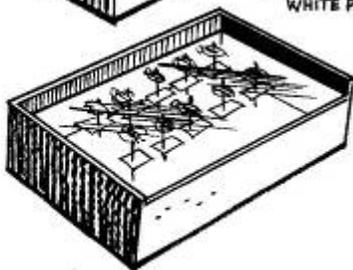
A SPECIMEN BOX



LINE THE INSIDE OF THE BOX WITH WHITE PAPER

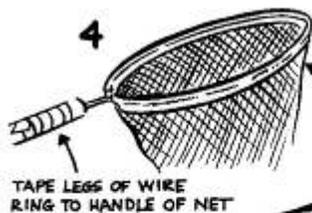
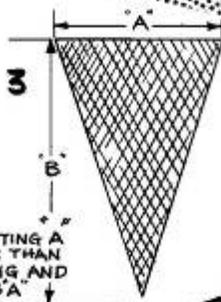
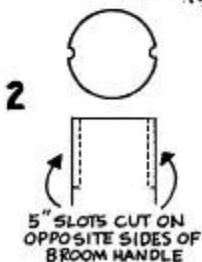


PUT 2 LAYERS OF CORRUGATED CARDBOARD IN BOTTOM OF BOX, GLUED SO THAT THE CORRUGATIONS RUN AT RIGHT ANGLES



MOUNT & LABEL YOUR SPECIMENS IN THE BOX ALLOWING ENOUGH SPACE BETWEEN EACH. MAKE GROOVES IN TOP OR ADD SUPPORT & SLIP A PANE OF GLASS INTO THIS.

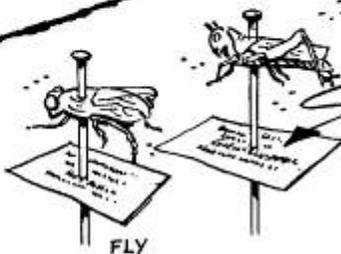
HERE ARE A FEW MORE IDEAS AND HELPS TO COLLECTING. TRY ALWAYS TO MAKE YOUR OWN. IT'S CHEAPER IN THE LONG-RUN.



CUT MOSQUITO NETTING A SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN CIRC. OF WIRE RING AND "B" 1/2 TO 2 TIMES "A"

STRIP OF CLOTH TO STRENGTHEN NETTING WHERE IT IS ATTACHED TO RING

PINNING INSECTS



Caught in meadow
at "Bells Corners"
June 12, 1960
GRASSHOPPER
By Cub **BILL COULTER**

SAMPLE CARD



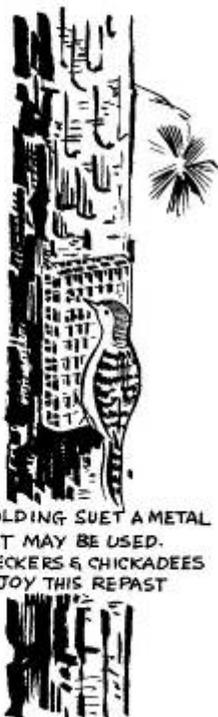
YOU CAN MAKE A SIMPLE
SHELF TYPE FEEDER EASILY
USE OLD CRATING



DRILL A SMALL PIECE OF
LOG WITH HOLES & FILL
WITH SUET



A HANDY FEEDER
IS HALF A COCONUT
SHELL. KEEP IT FAR
OUT ON THE LIMB
SO CATS AND
SQUIRRELS CANT
REACH IT



FOR HOLDING SUET A METAL
BASKET MAY BE USED.
WOODPECKERS & CHICKADEES
ENJOY THIS REPAST



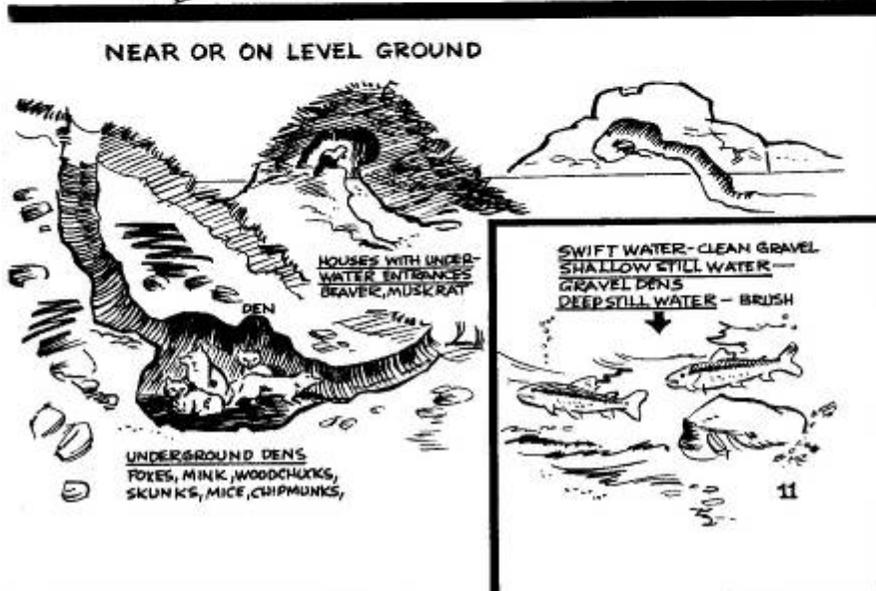
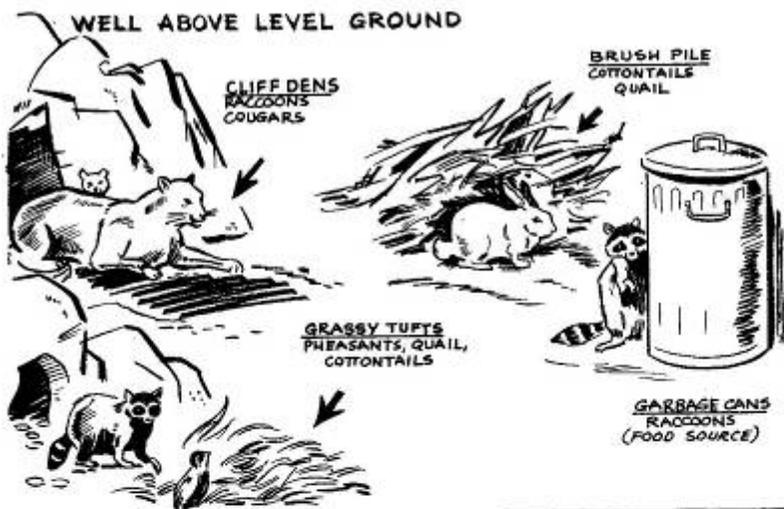


WILDLIFE *Homes*

IT MAY BE A "HOLE IN THE GROUND" TO YOU BUT TO A FOX IT COULD BE HOME SWEET HOME. BE IT A NEST, DEN OR BURROW IT PROVIDES SHELTER FROM ENEMIES & ELEMENTS AND COMFORT

NATURAL HOMES



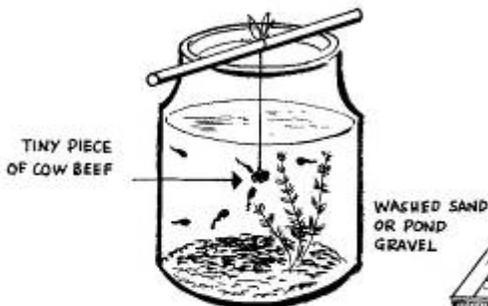


HOMES *for* PESTS

WHAT BOY HASN'T CAPTURED A FEW INSECTS & TRIED TO KEEP THEM? WELL HERE'S A FEW SUGGESTIONS HOW TO DO IT.



EARTHWORM TERRARIUM: SET A TIN CAN IN A QUART JAR. WITH WITH SOIL TO MARK. COVER REST WITH SAND. SURROUND JAR WITH BLACK PAPER REMOVE TO CATCH WORMS AT WORK



CATCH TADPOLES IN THE SPRING. PLACE IN A BIG JAR & FEED WITH CRUSHED ANT EGGS, LIVER, RAW BEEF, ETC.



WHEN YOU CAPTURE ANTS TRY TO GET THE QUEEN. KEEP WATCH THAT THEY DON'T INVADE THE HOUSE

PLAIN WINDOW GLASS
13'x9"



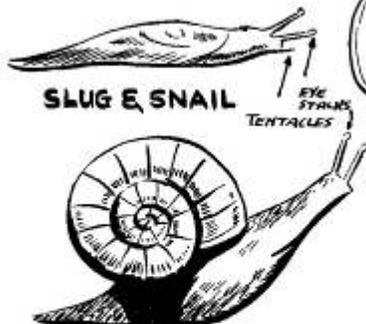
BORE 1/2 HOLES WHERE SHOWN, FOR VENTILATION TACK SCREENING OVER EACH

USE A FLAT PIECE OF 12' X 8" WOOD FOR BASE. NAIL ON 1' X 1/2" STRIPS FOR SIDES AND PARTITIONS

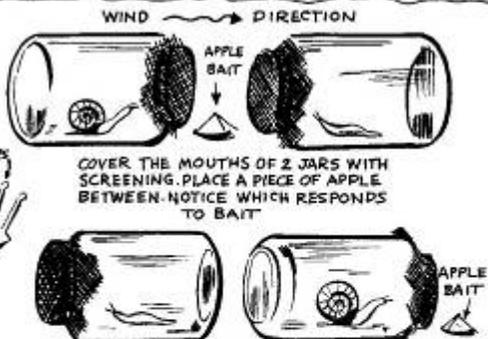
A GLASS-COVERED ANT HOUSE WILL GIVE YOU MONTHS OF INTERESTING STUDY. SCOOP UP THE WHOLE ANT COLONY IF POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO GET THE QUEEN



FILL 1 WITH TOPSOIL. HUMUS & TOPSOIL ON 2 & 3. PLACE GLASS. PUT SHEET OF BLACK PAPER ON 1 SO YOU CAN PEEK. PUT ANTS THROUGH DOOR. FEED DAMP SUGAR



A SLUG EXHUIRES SLIME FROM ITS BODY WHICH LUBRICATES ITS PATH SO IT CAN SLIDE SMOOTHLY ALONG.

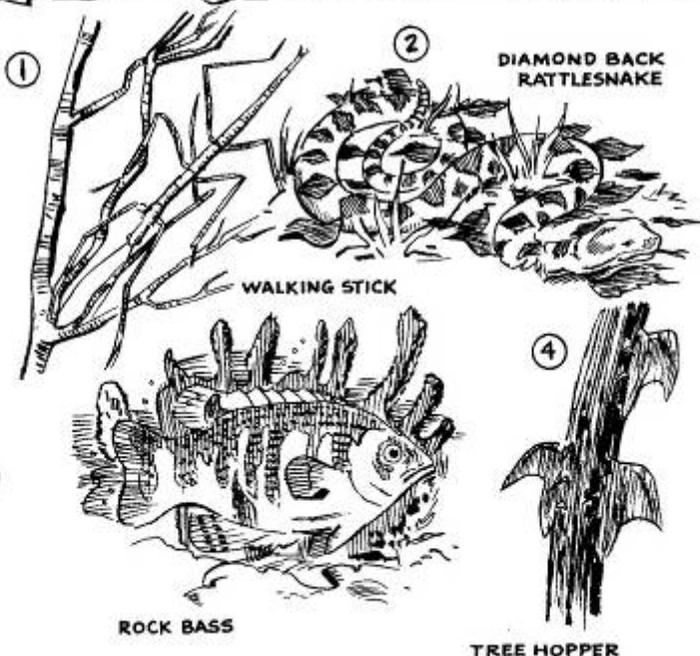


NOW FACE YOUR JARS IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS & SEE IF EITHER CATCHES ODOR OF BAIT

CAMOUFLAGAGE

PROTECTIVE COLOURATION

MOTHER NATURE HAS HER OWN WAY OF PROTECTING HER CHILDREN. BELOW ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THIS. BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE. SOME ANIMALS CHANGE COLOUR WITH THE SEASONS.

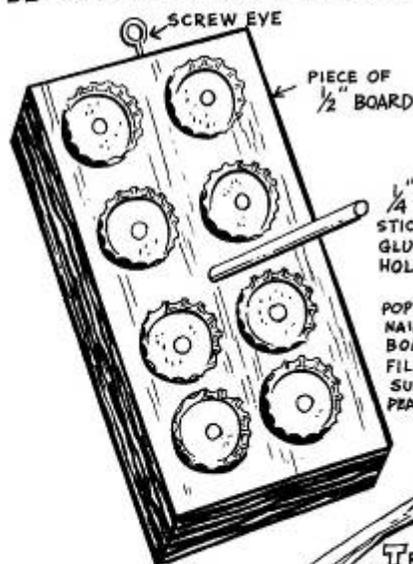




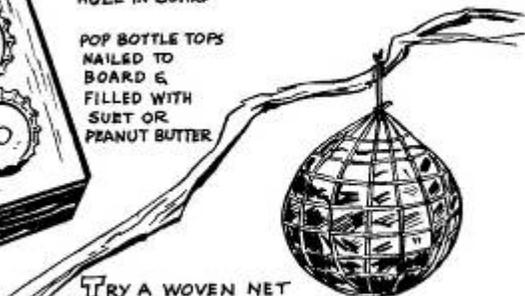
BIRD WATCHER'S GIMMICKS

NOSEY? WELL WATCHING BIRDS ISN'T ALL FOR THE BIRDS. GRAB A PAIR OF FIELD GLASSES AND GET GOING

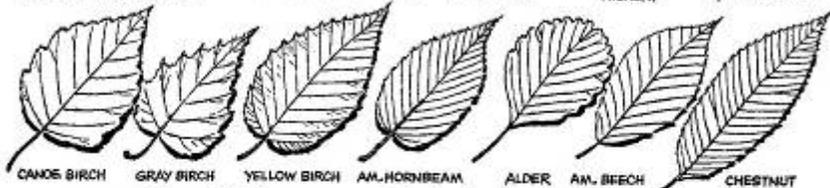
ATTRACT THEM BY USING FEEDERS



TO PROTECT YOUR BIRDS USE A TREE GUARD SIX FEET ABOVE GROUND

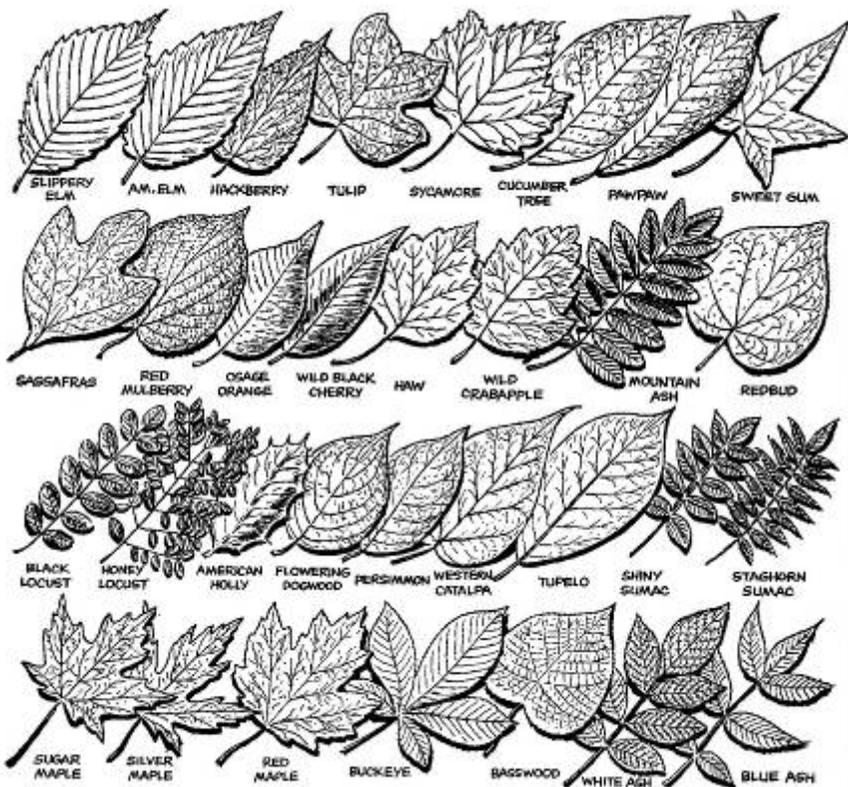


LEAF COLLECTION



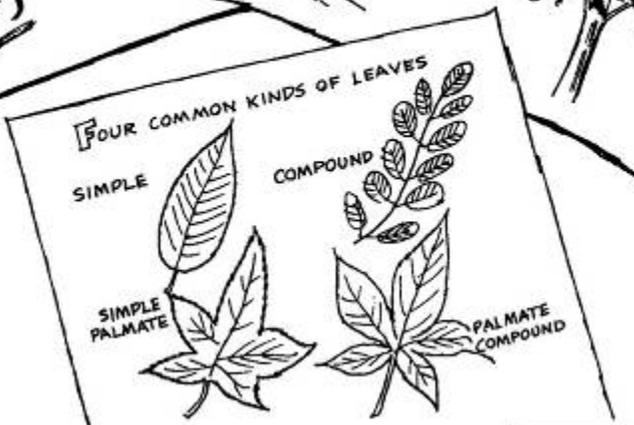
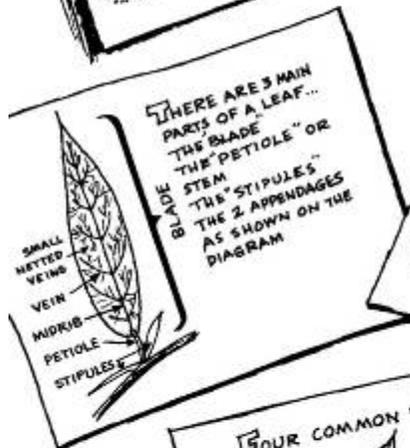
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Being able to identify the trees that are native to the area of your hike makes for a much more interesting trip. Trees are more than just trees. Each specie has a character all its own. When you're able to recognize them individually you'll enjoy your hike a thousand times more.

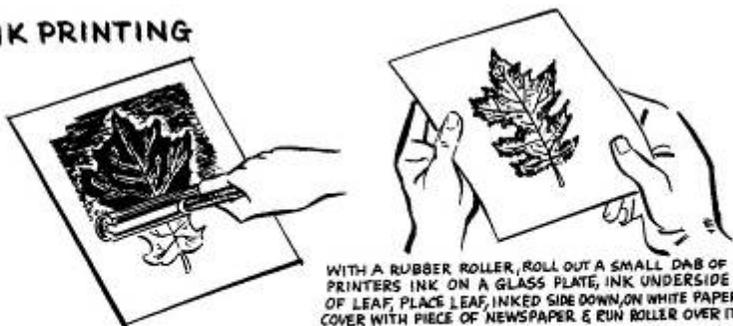




MAKE YOUR OWN COLLECTION OF LEAVES & THEN PRINT SOME OF THE MORE COMMON ONES

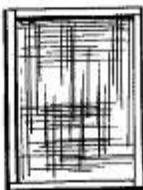


INK PRINTING



WITH A RUBBER ROLLER, ROLL OUT A SMALL DAB OF PRINTERS INK ON A GLASS PLATE, INK UNDERSIDE OF LEAF, PLACE LEAF, INKED SIDE DOWN, ON WHITE PAPER. COVER WITH PIECE OF NEWSPAPER & RUN ROLLER OVER IT.

SPATTER PRINTING



NAIL A PIECE OF WIRE SCREENING TO A WOODEN FRAME

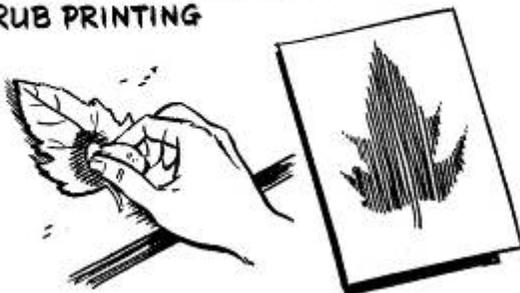


PLACE FRAME OVER A LEAF LYING PINNED ON A PIECE OF WHITE PAPER



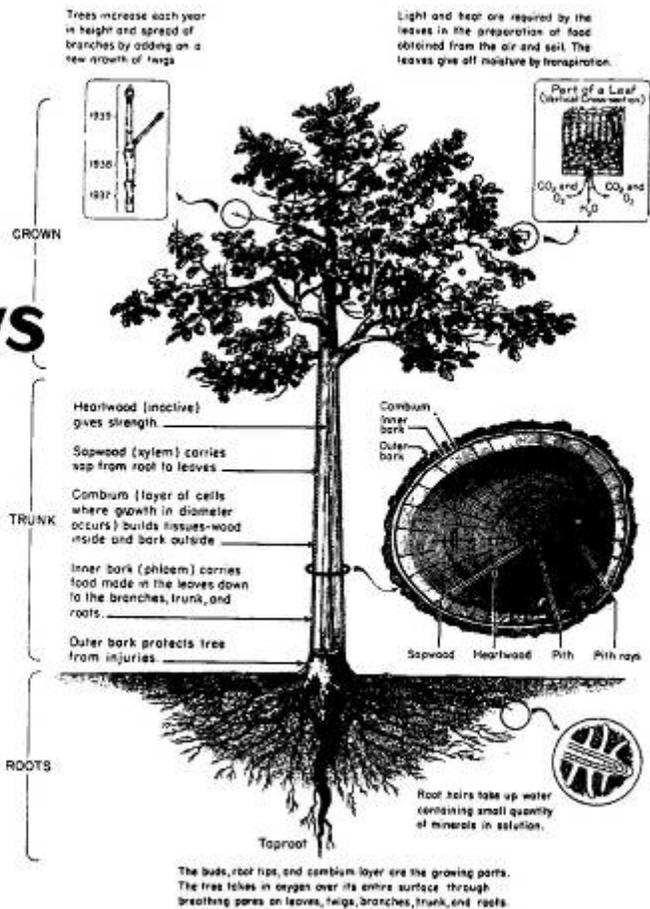
TAKE AN OLD TOOTHBRUSH OR OTHER STIFF BRUSH & PRINT COLOUR OVER SCREEN, HEAVIEST COLOUR AROUND LEAF, LIFT LEAF OFF WHEN DRY

RUB PRINTING



WITH A BIT OF COTTON, RUB THE LEAF WITH GRAPHITE OR COLOURED CHALK. LAY IT ON A SMOOTH SURFACE. PLACE A PIECE OF WHITE OR COLOURED PAPER OVER IT. RUB PAPER WITH A ROLLER OR ANOTHER WAD OF COTTON. LIFT OFF PAPER, SPRAY PRINT SIDE WITH FIXATIVE.

HOW A TREE GROWS



UTENSILS & INGREDIENTS

Growing Plants in Chemical Solution

Water-culture or the soilless growth of plants has become an interesting development in agriculture, and we offer on this page a few suggestions for you to try as an experiment.

UTENSILS: Glass jar, granite pan, glazed or varnished flower-pot, cup, spoon and strainer for measuring and mixing.

INGREDIENTS: Many formulas are available, we offer a simple one mixed with ingredients found in most households: Dissolve 1 level teaspoonful Epsom Salts, two level teaspoons Baking Powder, one level teaspoon Saltpeter, and one teaspoon household ammonia in one gallon of water. In Spring and Summer season, as hours of sunlight increase, add more ammonia to solution, up to four teaspoons.

GERMINATION: Fill granite pan with 4 inches clean sand which has been sterilized in boiling water for at least 15 minutes. Gravel or cinders may be used instead of sand, and must also be sterilized. Sow seeds, and cover with $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sand. Keep moist with solution diluted to quarter strength by adding 3 parts water. Cover with glass, keeping in light, warm place until seedlings sprout and are ready for transplanting, when they may be loosened from sand and solution without injury by flooding with clean water.

WATER-CULTURE: Cover jar with paper, to exclude sunlight. Cut slot in cork to support seedling. Fill jar with solution to depth required by root-system. Keep solution replenished.

DRIP METHOD: Plant seedling in sterilized sand in glazed pot. An inverted saucer will prevent sand spilling out of drain-hole in bottom of pot. At a higher level, on shelf or rack prepared for the purpose, place jar of solution with siphon-tube (rubber hose or glass) in end of which wad of cloth controls drip. The pot should be placed on stand under which is pan to catch drainage. This drainage may be used over again. A continuous drip-flow should be maintained.

FLUSH METHOD: Illustrated in lower right-hand corner of page. Seedling planted as above, and pot prepared with inverted saucer, but placed in pan or drain-basin instead of on stand. Plant is sprayed with solution, which drains into pan, and RETURNS by capillary action. Keep sufficiently saturated to show solution in pan or basin at all times.

WIRE TRAY METHOD: Paint or varnish wire tray, equipped with supporting hooks as illustrated. Tank should be water-tight, inside coated with asphaltum or similar waterproofing. Place seedlings or bulbs in tray, supported by excelsior or peat moss. Fill tank with solution to reach root-system. Place tray in tank, and maintain level of solution.

GERMINATION

FLUSH METHOD (6 LEFT)



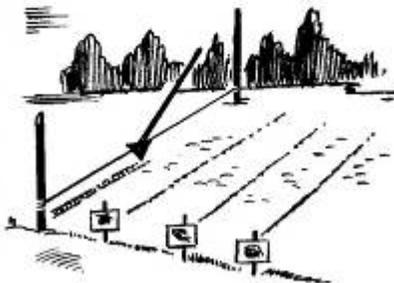
EVER TRY TO GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES?
THERE'S NO SECRET JUST A FEW MAIN STEPS TO
FOLLOW. GET OUT YOUR STRAW HAT & GET GOING!

GET THE SOIL READY



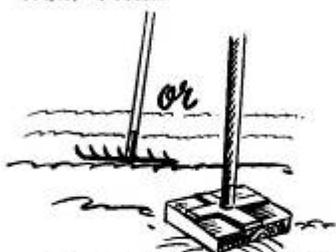
TRY DOUBLE DIGGING. START AT ONE END OF BED. DIG 2 SPADE FULLS DEEP. THROW HUMUS IN THEN TOPSOIL FIRST & SUBSOIL NEXT. CONTINUE ALONG BED.

MARK AND PLANT ROWS



RAKE SOIL SMOOTH. USING STAKES & CORD TO MARK ROWS. OPEN EARTH FOR SEEDS WITH HOE

TAMP FIRM



AFTER THE SEEDS HAVE BEEN PLANTED TAMP SOIL TO MAKE SURE SEEDS CONTACT SOIL WELL

WATER-FERTILIZE



THEN WATER USING WATER-SOLUBLE FERTILIZER. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON CAN

THE **TOOLS** YOU NEED



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CHART OF SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	ANY TIME— ALL YEAR
Trees	Watch buds swell and burst. Look for tree blossoms.	Study leaves, fruit and seeds. Make leaf prints and casts.	Which trees lose their leaves? Which leaves turn bright colors? Read tree's life story in a stump.	Study winter twigs, tree silhouettes. Study woods and their uses. Consider Christmas greens and conservation.	Keep an all-year record of one tree—when blossoms, leaves and fruit appear. Conservation. Value of trees.
Other Plants	Visit gardens, greenhouses and nurseries. Make seed experiments. Study Spring flowers. Plant gardens.	Look for ferns, mushrooms, mosses and lichens. Notice summer flowers and their adaptations. Make blueprints.	See how seeds are dispersed. Make a "weed" collection or display.	Raise plants indoors. Visit stores to see how plants are used. Pot winter rosettes.	Make terraria. Note uses of plants to man. Emphasize need for conservation.
Birds	Put up birdhouses. Watch for arrival of summer visitants. Celebrate Arbor and Bird Day.	Watch nesting birds. Make bird baths. Take bird walks.	Study migration, game laws and the economic importance of birds.	Collect abandoned nests. Put up feeding tables.	Keep a year-round list of birds to determine which are residents, and which are summer or winter visitants.

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Insects	Build cages for insects. Make collecting nets, mounting boards, etc.	Watch insects in field and in cages. Observe life cycle. Collect insects.	How do insects make music?	Collect cocoons.	Consider the economic importance and inter-relationships of insects and plants.
Other Animals	Raise guinea pigs, rabbits, rats and mice. Collect pollywogs.	Maintain aquaria and terraria with animals. Go fishing. Hold a pet show.	Learn about game laws and hibernation.	Build cages for pets. Make plaster casts. Visit stockyards, veterinarian, SPCA, taxidermist, shoe store, museum.	Hold pet show and raise pets. Visit zoos, museums. Make terraria and aquaria. Play tracking games.
Stars	Make star charts.	Learn summer constellations. Make a sun dial. Plot phases of moon.	Make models to show solar system.	Learn winter constellations.	Dramatize stories of stars.
Rocks and Minerals	Collect.	Visit a quarry. Mount your collection.	Make models of local geological formations.	Visit museums, jeweler, contractor. Study building stone.	Collect and identify rocks and minerals.
Weather	Study kites in air currents, wind, and cloud forms.	Learn what causes thunder and lightning.	What is frost?	What can you learn of snow, ice and glaciers? Make weather vanes.	Study cloud forms. Establish an amateur weather bureau.
Hikes and Trips	Take a "Signs of Spring" hike. Collect pollywogs. Go on bird walks.	Emphasize field trips to woods, hills, and parks. Go on collecting trips.	Go on cook-outs. Study Indian lore. Tracking and trailing games.	Go on winter hikes. Visit museums, factories, stores, neighborhood parks, etc.	Try to cover all locations in all seasons to see seasonal changes.
Museums	Emphasize living animals and plants in field and in cages and indoor gardens.		Make chart showing seed dispersal. Exhibit fall flowers. Make maps and surveys.	Study winter twigs, winter stars, and winter birds.	Keep exhibits changing to fit season.

PLANT collecting

HERE ARE A FEW ILLUSTRATED.
BUT THERE ARE THOUSANDS MORE!



WILD MUSTARD



SHEPHERD'S PURSE



BINDWEED



KNAPWEED



PRICKLY LETTUCE

MOUNT 'EM

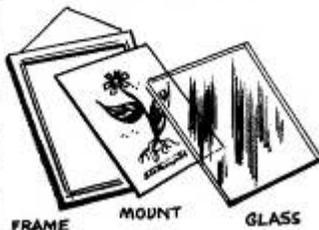
WHEN YOU HAVE MADE A FAIR
COLLECTION TRY MOUNTING
SOME OF THEM UNDER GLASS
HERE'S HOW...



SELECT YOUR PLANT & PLACE
BETWEEN 2 SHEETS OF WAX-
PAPER. PRESS IN BOOK.



WHEN READY (AT LEAST 2 WEEKS)
TRACE OUTLINE ON COLOURED
CARD & GLUE EACH SECTION



FRAME

MOUNT

GLASS

MAKE OR BUY FRAME & COVER
WITH GLASS. PRINT VARIETY.

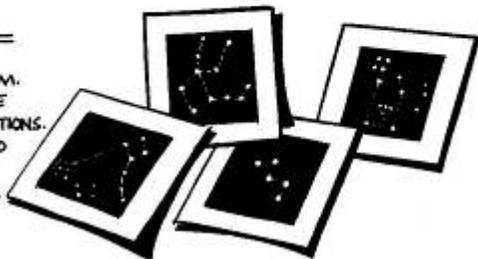


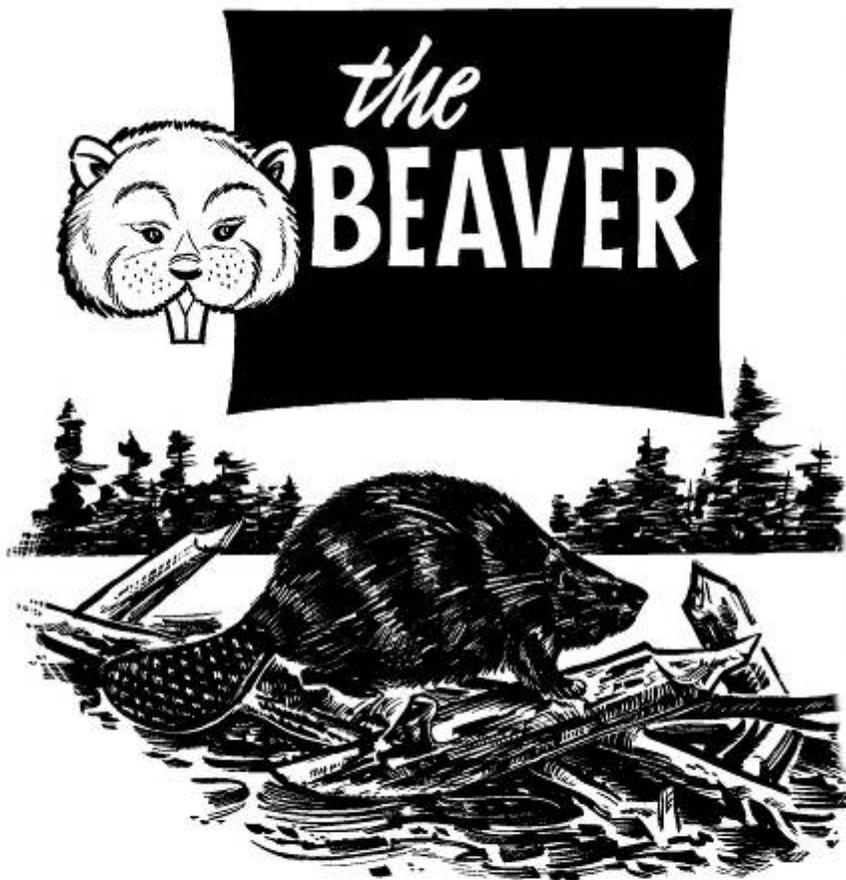
MAKE AN OATMEAL BOX CONSTELLATION



OR USE OLD SLIDES

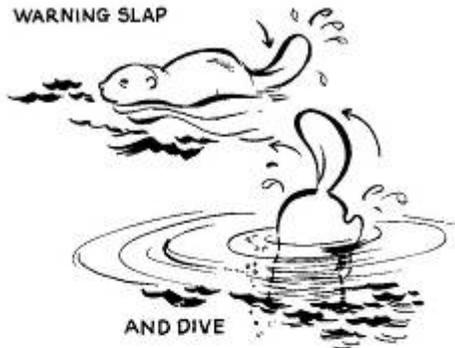
OLD UNDERDEVELOPED 35 M.M. SLIDES MAKE EXCELLENT BASE FOR CHARTING OUT CONSTELLATIONS. PIN PRICK SAME AS ABOVE AND PROTECT ON SCREEN. MARK NAME AT TOP OF FACE SIDE.





THE BEAVER HAS LONG BEEN A SYMBOL OF CANADA. IT IS THE LARGEST RODENT ON NORTH AMERICA. ITS FLAT WAFFLED TAIL IS ITS MOST NOTICEABLE CHARACTERISTIC

WARNING SLAP



AND DIVE

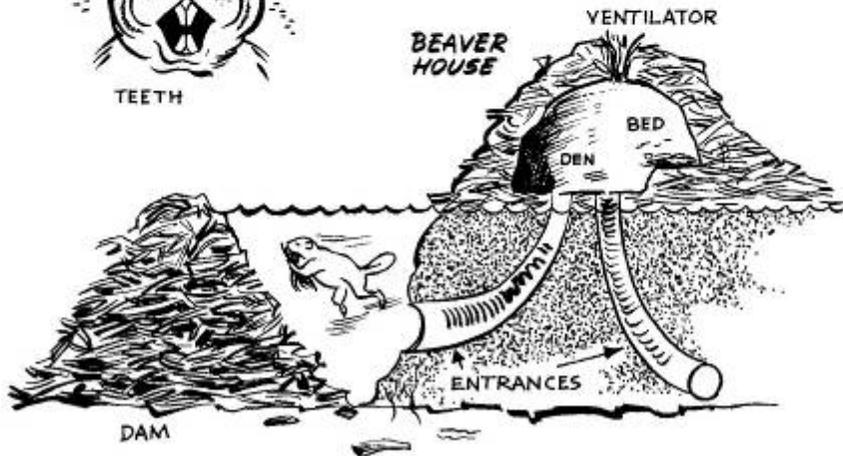


HOW POINT BLANKETS
GOT THEIR NAME

THERE WAS A MARKING ON
EDGE OF BLANKET. ONE PELT
FOR EACH MARK. THUS BLANKET
ABOVE WAS WORTH 4 PELTS



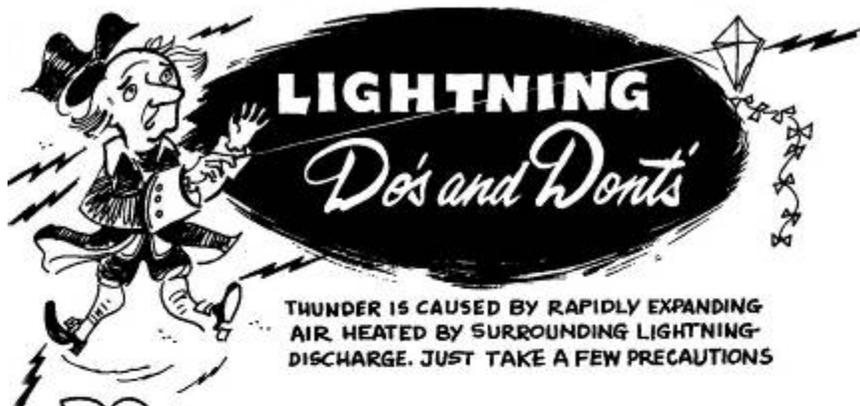
TEETH



FOOD CHAIN

IN THE ILLUSTRATION BELOW YOU CAN SEE A SMALL SEGMENT OF NATURE'S FOOD CHAIN.





THUNDER IS CAUSED BY RAPIDLY EXPANDING AIR HEATED BY SURROUNDING LIGHTNING-DISCHARGE. JUST TAKE A FEW PRECAUTIONS

DO:

FIND SHELTER DURING A THUNDERSTORM. A LARGE METAL OR METAL FRAME BUILDING IS BEST



• GET INSIDE AN AUTOMOBILE

• OR FIND REFUGE IN A METAL BUILDING



IF YOU'RE CAUGHT UNEXPECTEDLY FIND A CAVE OR DEPRESSION OR...



IF THERE IS NOTHING ELSE LIE FLAT ON THE GROUND. BETTER TO BE SOAKED THAN SCORCHED

DONT:

- GET INTO SMALL SHELTERS THAT ARE ISOLATED
- STAND UNDER ISOLATED TREES
- STAND NEAR WIRE FENCES OR OVERHEAD WIRES
- STAY ON HILLTOPS OR WIDE OPEN PLACES
- SWIM OR STAY IN A SMALL BOAT IN OPEN WATER
- RIDE A BIKE IN THE OPEN

LANDSCAPER

YOU MAY NOT END UP A BOTANIST
BUT YOU'LL BE HELPING DAD A LOT
& LEARNING AT THE SAME TIME



BUILD A 4 COMPARTMENT
BOX. TRY DIFFERENT KINDS
OF PLANT FOOD IN SOIL
TO SEE WHICH IS BEST.

MAKE BEDS, BORDERS,
WALKS, ETC. NEATER BY
KEEPING THEM TRIMMED.
USE SPADE OR EDGER.



TRY BRICKS FOR EDGING
YOUR GARDEN. PAINT THEM
WHITE IF YOU LIKE



USE AN OLD GARBAGE TIN
LID FOR BIRD BATH. PAINT
DEEP GREEN, EDGE WITH
STONES & PLANT AROUND IT.