



# STAGE 1: INVESTIGATE & CREATE

As a club, you are going to do research into the wildlife that lives in your area. Look in the Habitat Helper Mission Toolkit at the different mini animal habitats you can build. Look around your area, school yard or local park and decide where you're going to place your animal habitats.

**1. Discuss local wildlife and examples club members have observed in your area.**

**2. Next, talk about what are some challenges wildlife are facing today.**

**For example:**

- Changes in the climate are changing the timing of life cycles, causing certain species to shift where they live, and sometimes, resulting in lower populations of the species.
- Climate change also impacts the amount and type of land animals can live on, making it a challenge for them to find a safe place to rest, eat, and raise a family.
- As well, as our population grows, we need more and more space for people to live, resulting in thousands of new houses being built every year, plus the roads and buildings that go along with them. This results in less land for animals to live on.
- Birds, insects and amphibians are being pushed into our ever-shrinking green spaces. While some species can adapt to these changes, it makes it really hard for other animals to find

**3. Explain that you can help by making safe habitats for animals and insects in your area to feed from and nest in.**

**4. Look in the Club Mission Toolkit at the different mini animal habitats you can build.**

Look around our area, school yard or local park and decide where you're going to place your animal habitats. Decide as a club how many mini-habitats you are going to build.