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Audubon Classroom Programs – NY

Before the Audubon presenter comes:

Please review the Curriculum Integration Guide information and materials with your class. We don't need you to teach the lesson, but it helps if students have some basic background in the concepts that we are teaching.

When the Audubon presenter is in your class:

Please remember that we are guests in your school. We appreciate you being present during the lesson, helping with discipline and making connections between our lesson and other things that your students are doing.

After the Audubon presenter leaves:

Please keep the learning going. There is a post-visit activity, along with other ways to continue to explore this topic.

There is a teacher survey at <u>auduboncnc.org/classroomevaluation</u> that you can complete to tell us how we are doing and what we can do to better suit your needs.



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Exploring Pine Cones

Curriculum Integration Guide

Pre-visit Activity

Students will get the most out of this program if they are prepared for having a visitor. Review appropriate behavior, such as listening, taking turns, following directions.

Extend the learning

- Find pictures of pine trees and other trees. Display them in your classroom.
- Collect some pine cones and pine branches from outside. Bring them into the classroom and place them at a center for students to explore on their own.
- Go on a walk around the schoolyard and observe pine trees and other trees.

Books for students

- In the Woods: Who's Been Here? Lindsay Barrett George. This book introduces a variety of animals that live in the woods, including a squirrel eating a pine cone.
- The Busy Tree Jennifer Ward. This book is about an oak tree but does demonstrate that many animals use trees to survive.
- Look at a Pine Tree Patricia M. Stockland. This is a non-fiction book with many photos of pine trees.

Other resources

- Trees of North America: A Guide to Field Identification C. Frank Brockman and Rebecca Marrilees. This Golden Guide is a beginner's guide to trees.
- Trees of New York Field Guide Stan Tekiela. This field guide includes photographs and interesting facts about local trees.

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Post-Visit Activity

Today you learned about pine cones. Color the different kinds of pine cones.

