



COEXISTENCE

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

Activity 6

ESTIMATED TIME



10-20 minutes

LOCATION



Anywhere
with
Internet

SUGGESTED GROUPING



Individual or
Group

ACTIVITY TYPE



Virtual

MATERIALS: Computer/Smart Phone/Tablet, Paper, Pencils/Pens/Markers/Crayons

INTRODUCTION

When people and animals coexist, it means they can live in the same habitat. A lot of the time, habitats overlap when people move into an animal's home and this can cause stress for both sides. For example, people might be afraid of the animal or the animal might think the human's garden is the ultimate buffet, which can be frustrating for the human to see their hard-work eaten but someone else!

In this activity, we will see what animals live in our neighborhoods and come up with some ideas of how we can coexist with wildlife where we live.

HOW-TO

1. Prepare the activity (5 minutes)

Log onto Carnivore Spotter <https://carnivorespotter.org/>.

2. Find your neighborhood (5 minutes)

Find your neighborhood on Carnivore Spotter and see what animals have been seen there.

3. Come up with a plan (5 minutes)

Pick one animal that lives in your neighborhood and come up with a plan to coexist with that animal. You can write down or draw your plan. Think about ways to keep the animal safe and your family safe.

4. Wrap-up (5 minutes)

What animals live around your home? How can you and your neighbors coexist with them? Share your answers with someone.

5. [Optional] More fun (10-20 minutes)

Create a poster or banner sharing one or more ways you and your neighbors can coexist with wildlife.

With your family watch the video *My Pantanal*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgXcS7gMRFk>

LEARN MORE

- WDFW – Living With Wildlife: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living>
- Defenders of Wildlife – Promoting Coexistence: <https://defenders.org/issues/promoting-coexistence>
- Book: Backyard Bears by Amy E. Cherrix