Did you know that your backyard is a **habitat**? Animals like butterflies, chipmunks and earthworms may live in your backyard. Plants like trees and grass can live in your backyard. All living things need food, water and a safe place to live.

Did you know…

Bees need flowers to make honey.
Squirrels eat the nuts that grow on trees.
Birds eat the berries that grow on bushes.

Draw lines from the animal to the food they eat.

- **Birds**
- **Flowers**
- **Nuts**
- **Bee**
- **Squirrel**
Jack and Haley were playing in the yard. Jack saw a butterfly. “I wonder where it is going”, he said. Where does it sleep?” The butterfly flew around the yard. It found a lot of places that made it happy. The butterfly found tall trees and short trees. It found pretty flowers, grass and bushes to rest in and a puddle of water to drink from. Haley wondered what the butterfly ate. Was the butterfly hungry? They watched it fly to a red flower and eat some nectar for a snack. It got some pollen on its legs and carried it to a pink flower. The pollen helped more pretty flowers grow. Jack and Haley had fun in the yard watching the butterfly.

Read the following sentences out loud!

Bees like flowers. I can grow flowers. Bees make honey. I like honey. Some trees are tall. Some trees are short. Some trees have nuts. Nuts are good food.
Look at the words in the picture. Read the words. Use the color that matches the word ending to find what is in the picture.

Green -ing  Yellow -y  Orange -er  Brown -ck
Blue -ound  Red -es  Black -le

What did you find in the puzzle?

Ask Maxine
Q: What kinds of animals and other creatures live in the trees around my house?
A: Lots of animals can live in the trees around your house. Squirrels and chipmunks live in trees and eat nuts that grow on trees. Birds like to build their nests in trees so that their babies are safe from animals on the ground. Butterflies and bats also make their homes in trees sometimes. Trees are a very good habitat for wildlife. A lot of animals like to live in trees. They live in the trees around your house, the trees along the streets in your neighborhood, the trees in the park and the trees at school. Wherever you find trees you can find animals living there that are fun to watch!

My Home is my Habitat
A habitat is a home. A habitat is the place where a plant, animal or person lives. Where is your habitat?

What other habitats are around you?
What plants live in your habitat?
What animals live near where you live?

Trace these letters and then say the words.

habitat=home