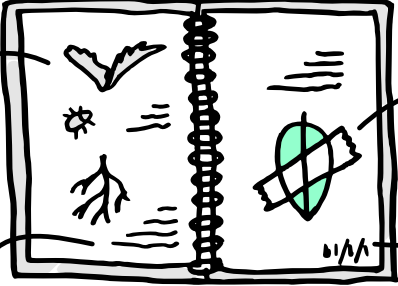


### Explorer's Toolkit



Note the date and location of your entry.

Tape in or draw objects you find.

Write down things you observe or notice, such as colors, textures, smells, patterns, and sounds.

Draw things from far away, and really close up.

If it feels like there's too much to focus on, use the viewfinder to frame a smaller scene.

## Using your field book

Record your observations in your field book so you can share it with others and look back on it in the future. Neighborhoods change over time, and keeping a field book can help you notice these changes!

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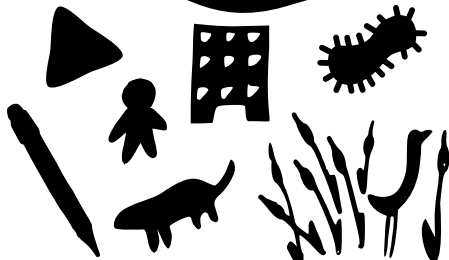
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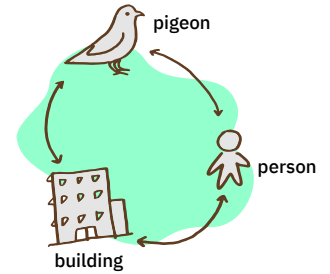
Ecology is everywhere, even in your neighborhood. **Urban ecology** focuses on things in cities or towns and the environment around them.

## "What is ecology?"

**Ecology** is the study of interactions in an environment. This includes both living and nonliving things.

Studying ecology helps us understand how we as humans impact our environment.

Often, we look at the relationship between living things and their environment.



But it's important to notice relationships between nonliving things as well!

