

# MARYLAND ZOO



## Earth Day Adventure

**Background:** This year is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! This annual celebration is designed to support environmental protection as well as encourage people to learn more about our planet, endangered species, pollution, and climate change. You can spring into action to conserve Earth's biodiversity and learn how you can protect wildlife and wild places through The Association of Zoos and Aquariums Party for the Planet. Find out more by visiting <https://www.aza.org/partyfortheplanetcontest>.

**Materials:** Two toilet paper rolls, glue or tape, paint and/or crayons, printed nature bingo sheet (below)

**Instructions:** Gather the above materials to start your nature adventure. Use the paint and/or crayons to color the toilet paper rolls with your favorite color(s). Once they have dried you can tape or glue them together (to look like binoculars). Now that you have binoculars, next you will need your nature bingo card. Print a copy of the nature bingo card and color each of the different pictures. If you wanted to take it a step further you could create your own nature bingo card by collecting natural items from near your home instead. Once you have your binoculars and bingo card, you are ready to go out and search for the real things! You can explore right outside your home or go for a walk around the block. Can you find a whole row or column? You can make it tougher by trying to make an L or U shape, or find them all!

**Extension:** During your bingo adventure, identify 5 living things (*biotic*) and 5 non-living things (*abiotic*). Not sure what these are? Living things can grow, reproduce, and need food, water, and air. Non-living things do not grow or reproduce, and do not need food, water, or air. Both living and nonliving things are important to an ecosystem and therefore are important to protect.

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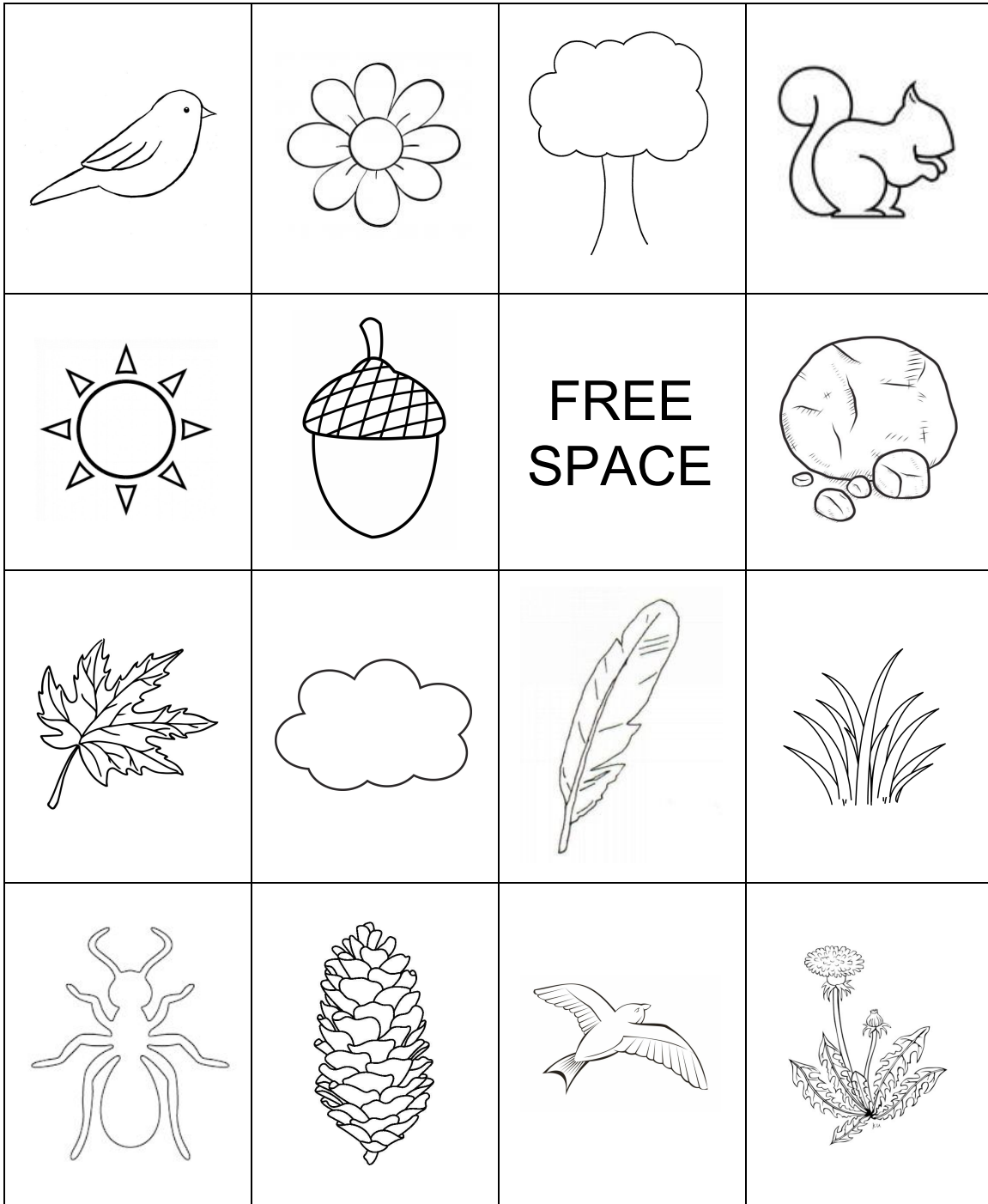
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