







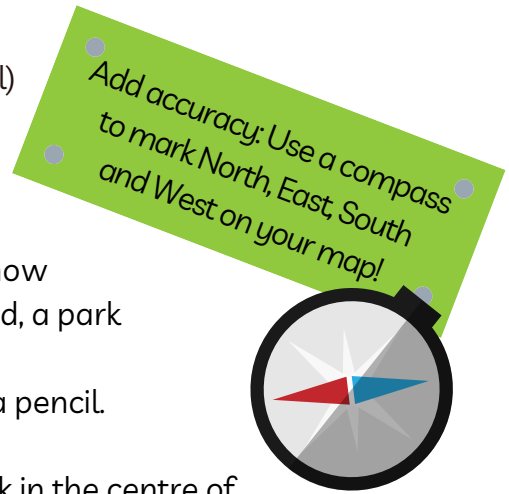
Sound Mapping Nature

Sound waves are everywhere, giving us information about the world around us. As humans, our brains do a fantastic job of ignoring sounds, often not giving us a full picture of our surroundings. If we stop, close our eyes, and listen, a whole new wild life world might be revealed.

Materials: Paper, pen or pencil, compass (optional)

Directions:

-  Pick somewhere you'd like to get to know better by listening: your deck, backyard, a park or anywhere else!
Don't forget a piece of paper and a pencil.
-  Sitting in your spot, put a mark in the centre of your paper. This mark is you! The empty space on your paper is the area all around you.
-  Close your eyes and listen for animal sounds or other sounds.
-  When you hear a sound, mark it on your paper in the direction you heard it come from. Draw or write what sounds you heard to help you remember later, such as a bird or a car.



Continue listening until your sound map is full!



Thinking Question

Many animals rely on their hearing to help find food. What do you think happens when wildlife habitats are affected by noise pollution?