



## *Nature Appreciation*

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This issue is about appreciating nature. I'm addressing two things this issue:

- That nature is a great magic that should be loved,
- and
- That the environment is in danger, and even as you read this sentence, species are going extinct. We have to protect nature, not destroy it!

Also, do you think plants are unimportant? They aren't! See why on page 3.



*This picture was drawn by John James Audubon*

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## *Submissions from Erica Maser and Amelia Greco*

The template for this issue is "Summer." Lena Von Moltke and Cole Shepherd both voted for it.

Erica Maser has submitted her cool "Liberty Bell's 4th Journal. The Babies." It's on page 3.

Amelia Greco has submitted her awesome acrostic poem "Nature." Look for it on page 4.

I hope you like this issue. Actually, it was Amelia's poem that inspired the theme for this issue! Thanks, Amelia!

## Think About it . . .

Scientific discoveries are called “progress.” So are new inventions. But what is this so-called “progress”? It wrecks the environment, and it changes how people feel about nature. For instance, thinking that wolves kill humans, we have hunted them almost to extinction. And, guess what, no healthy wolf in America has ever been known to harm a person. Go figure!

Does climbing up a pine tree with bare feet, a t-shirt, and shorts give a person a different sense of nature?

We need to help our wildlife, not destroy it. As John Muir (1838-1914), a Scottish-born American naturalist, author, and early advocate of preservation of U.S. wilderness said, “The clearest way into the Universe is through a forest wilderness.”

Have you heard of Lewis & Clark’s expedition? When William Clark (1770-1838), an American explorer, soldier, Indian agent, and territorial governor saw the Pacific Ocean, he wrote, “Ocian in view! O! the joy!” It isn’t exactly a “nature” quote, but it shows pure joy

**“In wilderness I sense the miracle of life, and behind it our scientific accomplishments fade to trivia” - Charles A. Lindbergh**

## Play Outside, Tech Wizards!

A great way to be environmental is to play outside! So, grab your helmet and run outside! As Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), a Lebanese American artist, poet and writer said, “Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the wind longs to play with your hair.”

Here are some games you can play outside, in all sorts of weather:

Hide-and-Seek

Tree climbing

Biking

Sledding

Tag

Ghost in the Graveyard

Running Through the Rain



*“The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that gets in the way . . .” - William Blake*

## How to Play “Running Through the Rain”

You need:

At least three umbrellas, and at least four people

How to play:

One person is “It.” “It” goes and hides somewhere outside while the other players make “forts” by propping umbrellas on the grass or concrete. When “It” comes out, the other players jump out of their forts and run away. The players run to an agreed place which “It” does not know of (such as a tree, telephone post, bush etc.) and run back to the forts. Each player must go to a fort that is NOT their own. Then, the last person to get into another fort, a person who goes to their own fort, or the person who was tagged is “It” next. Play continues until rain stops.



*Rainy day -- what to do?*

## *Plants are Cool*

We breathe oxygen. Plants breathe carbon dioxide. We breathe out carbon dioxide. Plants use it in a process called photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is where plants combine sunlight, carbon dioxide, and water to make food for themselves. Plants breathe out oxygen.

They produce oxygen for us to breathe! So, without plants, we'd be long extinct, and without us, plants would be long extinct! So, a world without plants is a world without life (as we know it).

In nature, we depend on plants, and they depend on us. So, we have kind of a partnership. But, with all the tree cutting going on in the world, whole species of plants are going extinct! Anything made of wood is made from part of a tree! So, a great way to help the environment is to not buy too many things made of wood.

Also, another good way to help the environment is to plant a garden. If everybody does this, it could make a big difference!



## *Liberty Bell's 4th Journal. The Babies - by Erica Maser*

*(Liberty Bell is a diamondback dove from Australia. She is Erica Maser's pet.)*

Hi, I'm Liberty Bell.

My mate Cloudy and I have just hatched babies! ☺

Every day we take turns feeding them and sitting on them.

It has been three days since they've hatched.

We eat a lot more food than we usually do!

I am very proud that they are about 1 inch long. Sometimes Erica's dog come in. She has a meaty scent! ☺

I think she's scared of us!

I have to go feed the babies, good bye! ☺

**"My mate Cloudy and I have just hatched babies!" - Liberty Bell's 4th Journal. The Babies**



Can you spot the babies??



Cloudy, Liberty Bell, and the babies in between them

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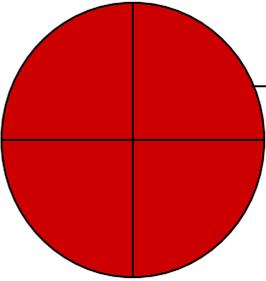
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when sounding like U as in  
color or corn



## Nature

By Amelia Greco

New and green leaves

Afloat just above

The ground crunching loudly

Under the feet of unknown people

Restfully sleeping silently aloft

Every treetop lie the mysteries of Nature

Poetry Box

## Wolf Collage

