

Tree Scientist

Activity 1

PURPOSE: To encourage students to explore the natural world and increase their confidence in doing environmental research independently.

TIME: Several class periods for students to do supervised research in the library, then outside. Alternatively, this could be a take-home project.

MATERIALS: Activity sheets on following page, pins, tape or wax paper to preserve leaves

METHOD: Distribute the attached sheets and have students explore, as a group, a wooded area around your school. Encourage the students to find as many trees as possible, and compare notes when they find a tree they haven't catalogued before. You might also want to look into the possibility of a class trip to a conservation area, or the possibility of inviting a local conservationist to your school. Display students' sheets in the classroom and compare findings.



WE WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE EARTH IS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN IN WHICH NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DESTROY ANYTHING.

Children's appeal to world leaders, Rio de Janeiro,

1992