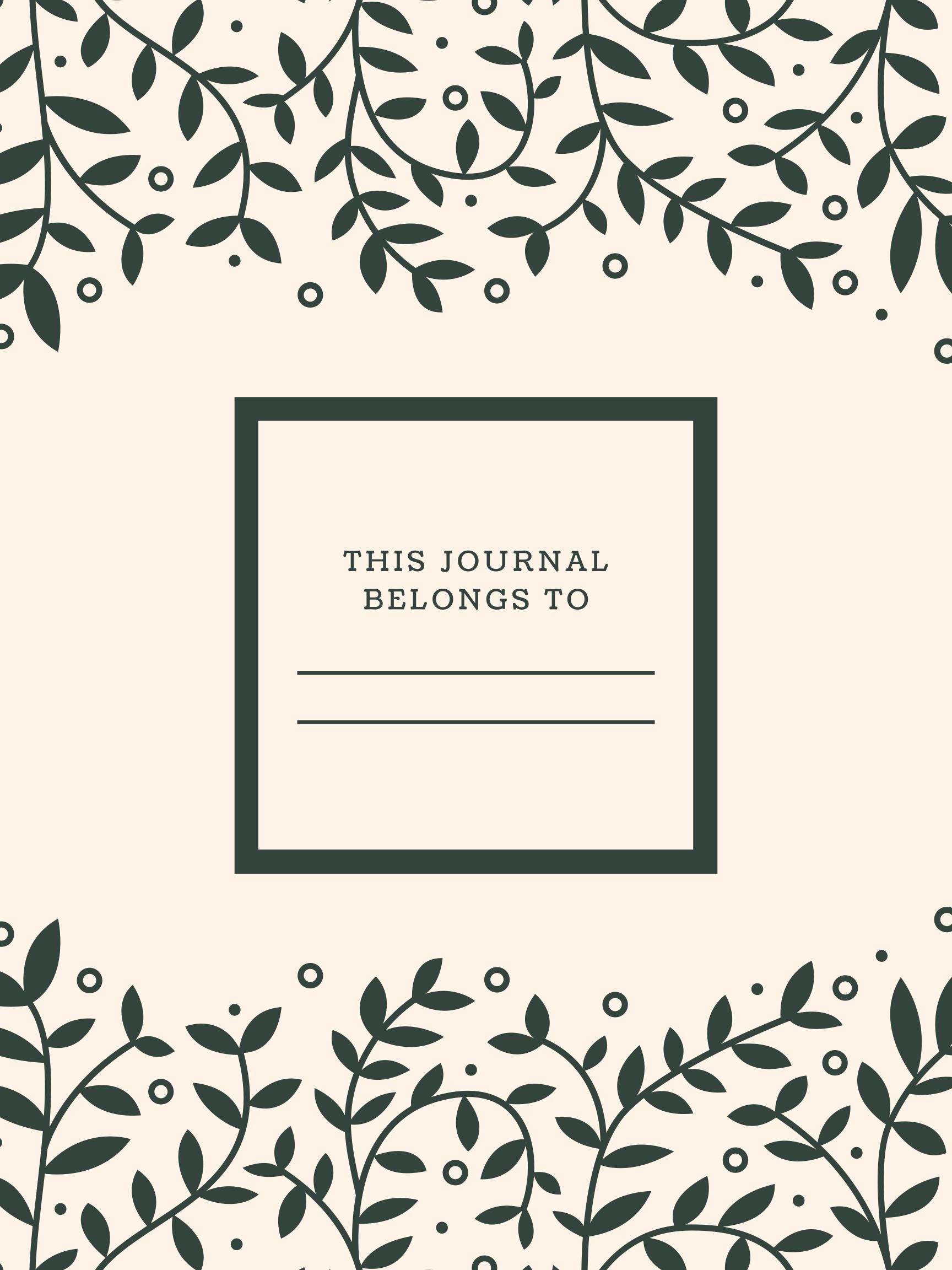
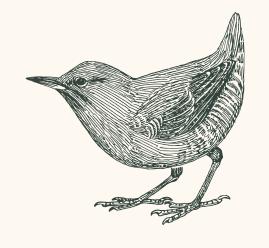


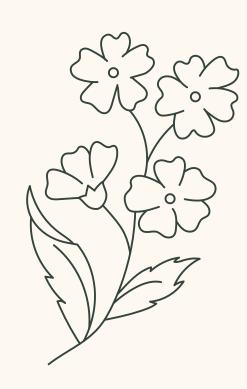
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Springtime Flora and Fauna in the Wild



Flora refers to plants and **fauna** refers to animals. Typically when these terms are mentioned, scientists are referencing a particular *area* such as Central New York. Listed below are the flora and fauna found commonly in the spring in Central New York.



Bunchberry. Photo by Steve Young. NYNHP.



Black Knapweed. Photo by Greg Ward



Buttercup. Photo by Laura Brolis.



Spotted Turtle. Photo by Nick Scobet.



Trout. Photo by Iroz Gaizka. Getty Images.



Fisher. Photo by Emily Brouwer.



Yellow Warbler. Photo by MDF.



Brown-headed Cowbird. Photo by Patricia Ferguson.

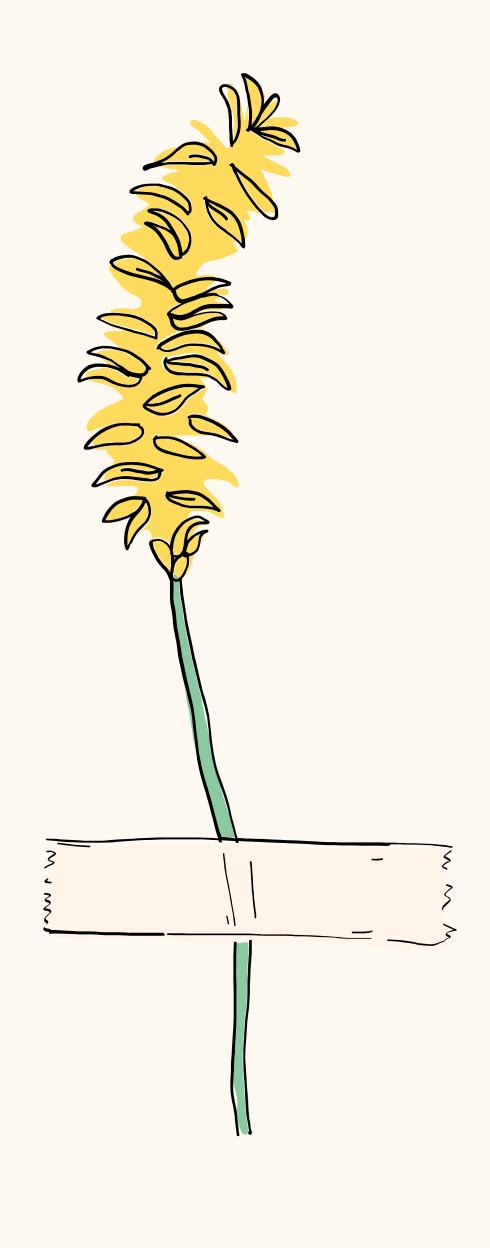


Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Photo by Dominic Sherony.

RECORDER Briana PLACE Backyard

DATE 4/8/2020

WEATHER Cloudy and Cool





What did you see today?

This is an example of a journal entry. Wildlife biologists keep something similar when they're doing research so they can record **observations**, or things that they experience using their 5 senses (seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, tasting). (Unless a parent says it's okay, let's not eat anything we find in the wild!) Think like a biologist! Here are some ideas: touch the grass, is it wet? What animals or plants can you see? Can you hear a bird singing? Can you smell the flowers? Maybe even try to record the differences you see day by day. Try counting how many animals you see over a week and compare the numbers at the end. Why might there be more animals out one day? There are so many things you can do with your nature journal. Send the MOST your favorite thing you did with your journal!

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