

# Jr. Naturalist

## CRAFT A CREATURE

In addition to being keen observers of the world around them it's important for Jr. Naturalists to be creative!

The final step to earning your Jr Naturalist Certificate is to create your very own creature. Use the questions below to help you imagine all the details of your creature in a drawing, story about an adventure, model, or any other way you would like to share your creation!

Have a parent or guardian submit some pictures of your project to the Google Form on our [website](#) to earn your patch and certificate and officially become a Wild Center Jr. Naturalist!

### TO GET YOU THINKING:

**Appearance:** What does your creature look like? What are its physical characteristics? What adaptations does it have to help it survive in its habitat?

**Habitat/Environment:** Where does your creature live? Is it dry or wet? Hot or cold? What does your creature do to survive in these conditions.

**Shelter:** Where does your creature call home? A burrow, a treehouse, in a coral reef? Does it live with other animals?

**Diet/Food:** Think about what your creature eats. Does it eat plants or animals or both? Does it search or hunt for its food?

**Life Cycle:** Does it go through large changes like a frog's metamorphosis or does it go through smaller changes as it grows like an otter?

**Socialization:** Does your creature live with a family or live on its own? Does it communicate or interact with others of its species?

**Senses:** What senses does your creature use to find food, shelter and to learn about its environment? Does it rely on one sense more than others? Or use a blend of its senses of Smell, Hearing? Sight? Touch? Taste?

**Food Web:** Is your creature a predator? Prey? How does it catch its food or keep from being eaten by predators in its environment?