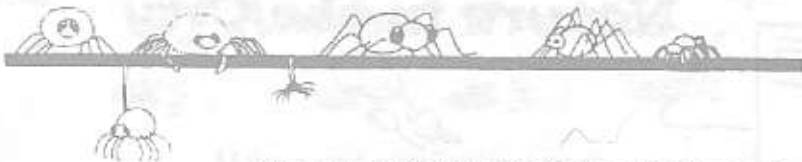


A Nature Collection



Do you like to collect things? Do you have sets of hockey and baseball cards? How about making a nature collection? It's easy and fun, too!

Before you start your collection, there are a few things to think about.

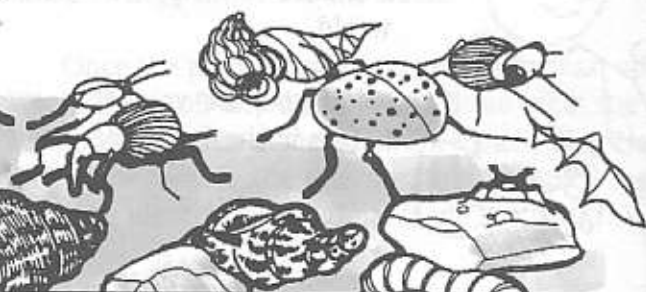
First, some things in nature are very rare, and it is wrong to take them from where they belong. In many provinces, it's even against the law to pick certain flowers. If you're not sure whether you should collect something from nature, leave it where it is. There are lots of other things you can collect instead.



Second, it's not much good to collect a bunch of things if you are just going to pile them up in your room and forget about them. Decide what things you want to collect, then plan how you are going to display them. If you need to, ask someone to help you with a few ideas.

If you collect leaves, dry them thoroughly by pressing them in newspaper under a pile of books, then tape them in a scrap book. If you collect rocks or shells, you can clean off the dirt with an old toothbrush and mount them in egg cartons.

If you collect seeds, let them dry for about four weeks and glue them to a piece of cardboard.



Make a label for everything you collect to say what it is and where and when you found it. If you don't know what it is, leave that space blank until you find out.

There are books in your school or public library to help you find the names of almost everything under the sun. The librarian or your parents, teacher, or Cub leader can help you. Once you've got your collection well started, show it to your six, your pack, and your leaders.



These are the things I collected:

Here is a picture of my collection or something in it that I really liked.

A large rectangular box with a thick border. Inside the box, there are several horizontal lines spaced out vertically, providing a space for drawing or writing a description of the collection.