



Vermont Atlas of Life Observation Contest

For K - 6th Grade

Naturalist's name: _____

Town or County: _____

Life in the natural world comes in all shapes and sizes! At the Vermont Atlas of Life, our goal is to collect knowledge on Vermont's animals, plants, fungi, and microorganisms. With this information, we can help people all over the state make decisions that protect the species that call Vermont home. To do this, we rely on volunteer naturalists like you to help us record it all. Thankfully, you have discovered a species new to science that you are eager to share.

First, we need a description. Please fill out your species' information below*:

**All ideas and drawings must come from the youth naturalist, but we understand if some assistance with writing may need to be provided by parental field technicians.*

Name: _____

Habitat (Where does your species live?): _____

Food: _____

Predators (What eats your species?): _____

When is it active? (circle all that apply):

Day	Night		
Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall

Cool fact: _____

Flip the paper over to draw your species!

Draw your species in this box!



For parents/guardians:

Please email a copy or photo of this form to Emily Anderson at eanderson@vtecostudies.org. We will be sharing the winning submissions on our social media channels, however we want to make sure that it's ok with you. If we share your child's species, VCE will not share their name, unless permitted.

Yes, it's ok to share with name. Yes, but please share anonymously. No, please don't share.

Signature: _____

Additionally, we'd love to see all your naturalists and explorers out there. Connect with us by sharing a photo of your young naturalist with their submission on Facebook and Instagram with #vtatlasoflife and tagging @vtecostudies.

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