Wonderful Nature Books For Kids:

*Everybody Needs a Rock* by Byrd Baylor

*Never Grab a Deer by the Ear* by Colleen Stanley Bare

*Who Lives Here? Animals of the Pond, Forest, Prairie, Desert, Mountains, Meadow and Swamp* by Dot Barlowe and Sy Barlowe

*The Berenstain Bears and the Ghost of the Forest* by Stan Berenstain and Jan Berenstain

*Annie and the Wild Animals* by Jan Brett

*The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* by Lynne Cherry

*Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney

*Under One Rock: Bugs, Slugs and other Ughs* by Anthony Fredericks

*The Grandpa Tree* by Mike Donahoe

*All Around Me I See*, by Laya Steinberg

*Who’s in the Garden* by Phyllis Gershator

*A Forest of Stories* by Rina Singh

*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

*The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss

*The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle

*Backyard Birding for Kids: A Field Guide and Activities* by Fran Lee

*Sunny Days and Starry Nights: Nature Activities for Ages 2-6* by Nancy F. Castaldo

List of Field Guides, Activity Books and Resources from Richard Louv at http://richardlouv.com/children-nature-resources

*Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife*, David Mizejewski (Creative Homeowner, 2004)

*Backyard Bird Watching for Kids: How to Attract, Feed, and Provide Homes for Birds*, George H. Harrison (Willow Creek Press, 1997)

*Best Hikes with Children* series, guides by geographic region (The Mountaineers)

*Camp Out!: The Ultimate Kids’ Guide*, Lynn Brunelle (Workman, 2007)
Children’s Special Places, David Sobel (Wayne State University Press, 2001)


Creating a Family Garden: Magical Outdoor Spaces for All Ages, Bunny Guinness (Abbeville Press, 1996)

Fandex Family Field Guides series (Workman, 1999)

Father Nature: Fathers as Guides to the Natural World, ed. Paul S. Piper and Stan Tag (University of Iowa Press, 2003)

Go Outside: Over 130 Activities for Outdoor Adventures, Nancy Blakey (Tricycle Press, 2002)

Golden Field Guides series (St. Martins)

How to Build an Igloo: And Other Snow Shelters, Norbert E. Yankielun (Norton, 2007)

I Love Dirt!, Jennifer Ward (Trumpeter, 2008)


The Kid’s Book of Weather Forecasting: Build a Weather Station, ‘Read the Sky’ and Make Predictions!, Mark Breen and Kathleen Friestad (Williamson, 2000)

My Nature Journal, Adrienne Olmstead (Pajaro, 1999)

National Audubon Society Field Guides series (Knopf)

Peterson Field Guides and Peterson First Guides series (Houghton Mifflin)

Rock and Fossil Hunter, Ben Morgan (DK Publishing, 2005)
Roots, Shoots, Buckets and Boots: Gardening Together with Children, Sharon Lovejoy (Workman, 1999)

The Sense of Wonder, Rachel Carson (HarperCollins, 1998)


Sibley Field Guides series (Knopf)


Sunflower Houses: Inspiration from the Garden, Sharon Lovejoy (Workman, 2001)

Take a Backyard Bird Walk, Jane Kirkland (Stillwater, 2001)


Tracking and the Art of Seeing: How to Read Animal Tracks and Signs, Paul Rezendes (Collins, 1999)

Treehouses and Playhouses You Can Build, David and Jeanie Stiles (Gibbs Smith, 2006)

Unplugged Play, Bobbi Conner (Workman, 2007)


Helpful Links

- The American Camp Association
- American Hiking Society
- Boy Scouts of America
- Camp Fire USA
- Children & Nature Network
- Connecticut's Great Park Pursuit
- The Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- Junior Anglers and Hunters of America
- National Audubon Society’s "Invitation to a Healthy Yard"
- National Audubon’s Great Backyard Bird Count
- Project FeederWatch
- The National Military Family Association
• National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
• NWF’s Certified Wildlife Habitat
• NWF’s Great American Backyard Campout
• Sierra Club’s Building Bridges to the Outdoors
• The Take a Child Outside campaign
• Texas Parks and Wildlife Department