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12 North Carolina's Protected Species

Our state is home to nearly 400 plant species and 200 animal species that are in need of protection. Learn more about ten threatened and endangered North Carolina species and check out some tips to help with their survival.



16 Sea Kayaking

Paddling a sea kayak is more than fun, it's a great way to get close to nature. Spring is a good time to talk your family into a kayaking adventure!



18 Wildlife Investigations: Scat and Tracks

Scientists use many methods to identify and study populations of all kinds of animals. YOU can investigate some common Carolina species using the scat and track clues provided.



*Where flowers bloom,
so does hope.*

- Lady Bird Johnson

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Stream ecosystems are home to a variety of animals, including this stonefly larva, and provide many benefits to humans. Find out what you and other stream-keepers can do to help keep our waterways healthy.



6 Spring Beauties

Use this colorful field guide to identify some of our state's common early bloomers. Find out more about the unique traits of these wildflowers, and some of their historical uses.




8 Taxa Time

Interested in biology? If so, you'll want to get familiar with the *taxonomic system*, a universally accepted framework that helps us organize and classify life on Earth.

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