

JUST 4 FUN

GAMES BY DEBBIE EDWARDS

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Somewhere in Glendale, California.

A typical backyard in Hatboro, Pennsylvania.



BACKYARD WILDLIFE

No matter where you live, you can give wildlife a helping hand by providing food, water, shelter, and places to raise young.

Check out what's in these backyards and fill in the spaces below to spell out some examples. The first one is done for you.

Invite your wildlife neighbors over!

Welcome, critters! Our yard is your yard!

A Find a box home for feathered friends.

B I R D H O U S E

B Fallen leaves make a good home for this.

 G Z

C Find a creature snoozing in a tree hole.

B B B

D This bird likes ground feeders.

 N

E Mockingbirds like to gobble these.

 K

F Find an upside-down flowerpot.

 M

G This holds sugar water for a tiny bird.

 M

H This big insect buzzes around ponds.

 F

I Chipmunks hide here.

 W

J Find a shelter made of stacked branches.

 H E

BONUS

The Io moth at right has a neat trick to keep from becoming a meal. When it flashes its wings, it shows off

 S
18 19 14 7 10 13 20 1 9 11 15 2
8 6 5 17 3 4 16 12

K These provide food for butterflies and bees.

 W

L This bird likes the nut of oak trees.

 R



NIGHT SHIFT

If you shine a flashlight in your backyard at night, you might catch a quick glimpse of some of these common night creatures.

PART 1 Figure out which animal is which. Then write the letters in each circle next to the animal's name.

1. OWL _____
2. OPOSSUM _____
3. BAT _____
4. TREEFROG _____
5. MOTH _____

PART 2 Use your answers from Part 1 to fill in the blanks below.



Who is this?



- 4 2 5 1 3

SUNFLOWER FORT

It's fun to grow a fort made from sunflower plants. These pictures show how to do it, but first you have to put them in the right order. Number them from 1 to 6 in the small fireflies.

ANSWERS!

- Backyard Wildlife: A-birdhouse, B-alligator lizard, C-big brown bat, D-mourning dove, E-blackberries, F-toad home, G-hummingbird feeder, H-dragonfly, I-rock wall, J-brush pile, K-wildflowers, L-acorn woodpecker, BONUS: fake "eyes" that surprise
- Night Shift: Part 1: 1-UIR, 2-YIN, 3-REL, 4-AFL, 5-GSQ, Part 2: a flying squirrel
- Sunflower Fort: 1-C, 2-F, 3-A, 4-D, 5-B, 6-E