

Is it tall? How tall is it? Is it fuzzy or smooth? Does it have legs? How many? Where does it go in winter?

What does it look like? Where did I find it? What else was with it?

Study Observe Describe Wonder

The BP Gnadenhutten Nature Park was designed as a wildlife habitat for birds, butterflies, and other animals. If you observe carefully, you will find many organisms living here. Look at the many different kinds of plants--select one in your habitat to study. Today you are a scientist, and your job is to record a journal entry about that plant. Describe what your plant looks like in detail. Draw a picture of it. Your entry should be so descriptive that another student scientist would know which plant you are describing by only your words. Also, record any organisms that visit your plant. Think about what the visitor looks like and how it is behaving.

Does it move? Is it alive? Can I touch it? Does it look like anything I already know? Is it one or many? Why does it do that?

Can I measure it? Can I count it? What does it feel like? Can I smell it? Can I describe it?