

## **Explore the Wild!**

### **Swatch Watch Scavenger Hunt**

No matter time of day or even the season, nature is always prepared with color! As children spend time outside, having the opportunity to look closer at details such as changing color, can give children a new perspective on nature and its wonders. This activity encourages attention to that detail and self-guided exploration in nature by encouraging children to find and collect natural items that match their given swatch color.

#### **Materials Needed**

- 1) Swatches (options: shades of one color or multiple different colors)
- 2) Egg cartons

#### **Activity Procedure**

- 1) Pair a swatch with an egg carton (the amount of colors on the swatch should add up to the spaces in the egg carton.)
- 2) Have the students travel outside and collect the items they find. Compare them to their swatch and see what items most closely match their color swatch. Once they have found a match, place the item in egg carton section and move on to the next color.
- 3) Take the time afterwards to ask participants how easy or difficult it was to find a color and why they think that might be.

#### **Extension Option**

- 1) After everyone has collected their colors, as a group try to create a piece of artwork using all the items that the participants collected.
- 2) Instead of colors, have the children pick their favorite shape or provide them with a shape and then challenge them to find these shapes in nature.