

Tips for a young naturalist

A naturalist is someone who studies the natural world. You don't need fancy tools or a certificate to start, just some curiosity and a keen eye.

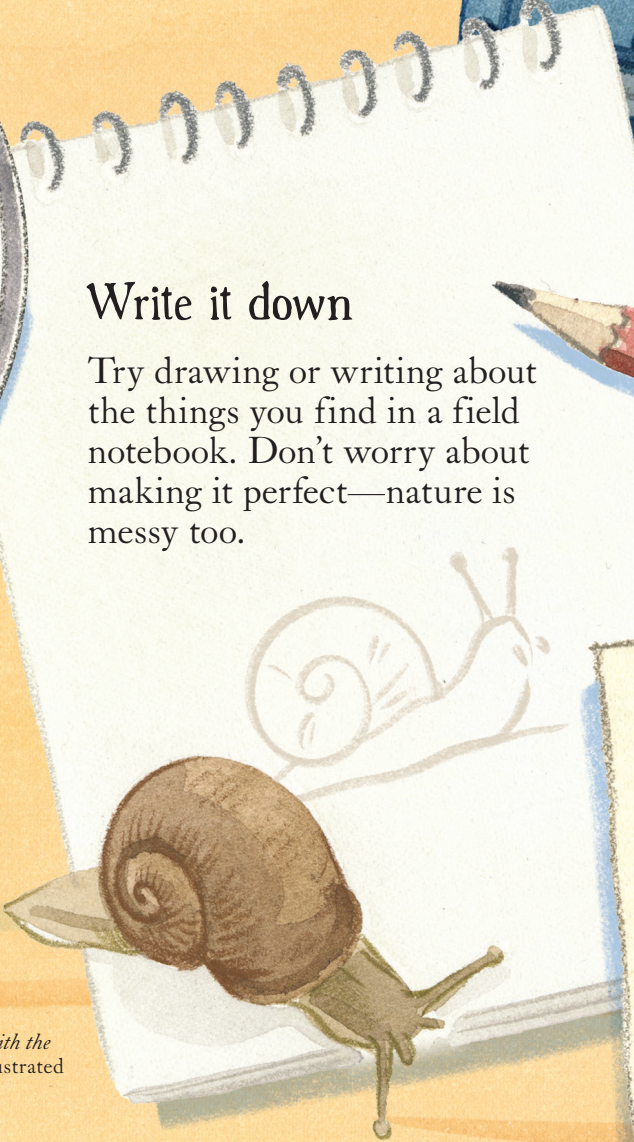


Start small

You don't need to travel to the other side of the world to see how incredible nature is. Try starting at home in your garden or the local park.


Leave no trace

The most important part of exploring the environment is to make sure you don't damage it. Leave things as you find them, and take away only photos and field notes.



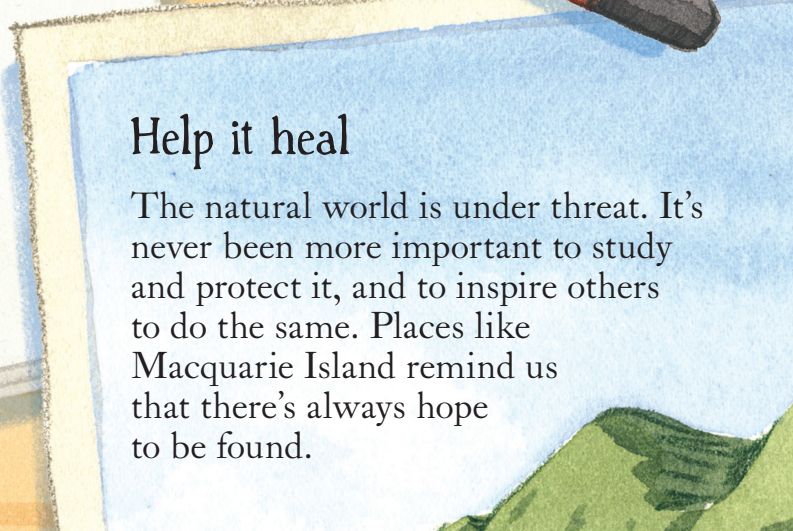
Write it down

Try drawing or writing about the things you find in a field notebook. Don't worry about making it perfect—nature is messy too.



Research

If it's too rainy to explore, read lots of books and make sure to visit museums and libraries.



Help it heal

The natural world is under threat. It's never been more important to study and protect it, and to inspire others to do the same. Places like Macquarie Island remind us that there's always hope to be found.

